



October 16, 2018

Grand Jury  
Attn: Foreperson Richard S. Nakano  
P.O. Box 431  
Martinez, CA 94553  
(also by email to [ctadmin@contracosta.courts.ca.gov](mailto:ctadmin@contracosta.courts.ca.gov))

Re: **Revisions to San Pablo Response to: Grand Jury Report No. 1808, "Joint Powers Authorities" by the 2017-2018 Contra Costa County Civil Grand Jury**

Dear Mr. Nakano:

On behalf of the San Pablo City Council, this letter responds to revisions requested to the San Pablo response to Grand Jury Report No. 1808, "Joint Powers Authorities" by the 2017-2018 Contra Costa Grand Jury dated September 5, 2018, as requested via email dated October 3, 2018. With regard to RECOMMENDATIONS, the City of San Pablo's revised responds as follows:

- R1:** "All cities with JPAs in the County should confirm their compliance with Gov. Codes Sections 6505 by submitting the required audit report to the County Auditor by December 31, 2018."
- Response:** The recommendation will be implemented as the City will confirm its compliance with relevant sections of the State Government Code with respect to JPAs in which the City participates.
- R5:** "All cities with JPAs should consider making special efforts, such as special mailings to taxpayers, website postings and announcements in local media, to communicate JPA debt decisions and audit reports to the public beyond simple notifications by December 31, 2018."
- Response:** This recommendation has not been implemented yet but will be implemented in the future as the City will make extra efforts, including through the City's website, to communicate additional information regarding its JPAs financial obligations. Again it should be noted that each JPA is a separate legal entity and the City does not have the responsibility nor the resources available to report on actions taken by every JPA of which it is a member. Furthermore, as

the Civil Grand Jury's Finding No. 1 states, "each member delegates to the JPA a function that each member has the legal authority to provide." Having cities with JPAs communicate JPA debt decisions and audit reports on their websites, when the information should be available on the JPAs' websites, is counter to cost savings and efficiency on behalf of taxpayers.

We hope the revised City of San Pablo responses to Recommendations 1 and 5 as outlined in Grand Jury Report No. 1808 are helpful to the Grand Jury's purposes.

Sincerely,

Genoveva Garcia Calloway  
Mayor