



August 24, 2015

Honorable Marie Sovey Silveira
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
P.O. Box 3488
Modesto, CA 95353

Dear Honorable Silveira:

RE: Response to the Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury's Letter dated June 17, 2015.

This letter is in response to the correspondence received of the following section of the Civil Grand Jury final report:

- 15-16 GJ – Local Effect of Prison Realignment (AB 109) and Proposition 47

City staff has reviewed the referred sections of the Civil Grand Jury final report and presented its findings and recommendations to the Hughson City Council on August 24, 2015 regarding the two areas requiring formal responses: 1) California Assembly Bill 109 and 2) California Proposition 47. The following is the Hughson City Council's response based on this analysis and submitted as required to the Civil Grand Jury's Findings (F) and Recommendations (R).

California Assembly Bill 109

F1 AB 109 has affected County Sheriff and Probation Departments most, and there have been some effects to other County departments.

R1 None

F2 The State provides funding for the implementation of AB 109 through a formula that has been developed and amended several times since AB 109 passed.

R2 The Stanislaus County Sheriff and Chief Probation Officer should continue to be active, both individually and through their statewide organizations, to ensure that Stanislaus County receives its fair share of funding for the implementation of AB 109.

F3 The Community Corrections Partnership, particularly the CCP Executive Committee, is responsible to allocate the funds provided by the State for the implementation of AB 109.

R3 None

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F4 The CCP meetings are public, but are not widely publicized, and the current location of the CCP meetings would not be able to accommodate a large number of public participants.

R4 The CCP should develop strategies to increase public awareness of its mission and to encourage more public participation at meetings.

F5 AB 109 may have some effects to local public safety in the County, which may be compounded by budget cuts that have occurred to law enforcement agencies.

R5 The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors and the City Councils of all nine incorporated cities within the County should take action to restore budgets and expand police services, particularly community-oriented and problem-oriented policing, to respond to potential challenges of AB 109.

City Response:

F1-F4 and R1-R4 are directed at other local Stanislaus County agencies and the City of Hughson defers to them for an appropriate response.

The City of Hughson generally agrees with F5 and R5. The City of Hughson relies on an executed agreement with the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department for the provision of law enforcement services. This agreement has been in place since September 1, 2001. In the past five years, the annual actual costs (and staffing level) associated with the law enforcement agreement have maintained at just under \$1,000,000 increasing slightly each year. The City of Hughson and Hughson Police Services (Stanislaus Sheriff's Department) have addressed local public safety needs by working closely with the community, local businesses, and partner agencies to maintain a very low crime rate. As additional public safety needs arise in the City of Hughson, the City Council will have the opportunity to allocate resources accordingly.

California Proposition 47

F6 Proposition 47 has resulted in impacts to all levels of the County's criminal justice system, but it is difficult to quantify these impacts in the short term, and the long term impacts are unknown.

R6 None

F7 Proposition 47, combined with the budget reductions to local law enforcement agencies, may result in an increase in property crimes throughout the county.

R7 The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors and the City Councils of all nine incorporated cities within the County should take action to restore budgets and expand police services, particularly community-oriented and problem-oriented policing, to respond to the current and future challenges of Proposition 47.

F8 The passage of Proposition 47 has resulted in significant unintended consequences. These include crippling Drug Court, creating holes in the State DNA database, and the reclassifying of some gun crimes.

R8 See R9.

F9 There have been attempts to create legislative solutions to some of the consequences of Proposition 47, but they are yet to be successful.

R9 The criminal justice leaders of Stanislaus County should continue to be active, both individually and through their professional organizations, in California's legislative challenges to salvage the unintended consequences of Proposition 47.

City Response:

F6, F8-F9 and R6, R8-R9 are directed at other local Stanislaus County agencies and the City of Hughson defers to them for an appropriate response.

The City of Hughson generally agrees with F7 and R7. The City of Hughson relies on an executed agreement with the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department for the provision of law enforcement services. This agreement has been in place since September 1, 2001. In the past five years, the annual actual costs (and staffing level) associated with the law enforcement agreement have maintained at just under \$1,000,000 increasing slightly each year. The City of Hughson and Hughson Police Services (Stanislaus Sheriff's Department) have addressed local public safety needs by working closely with the community, local businesses, and partner agencies to maintain a very low crime rate. As additional public safety needs arise in the City of Hughson, the City Council will have the opportunity to allocate resources accordingly.

Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please feel free to contact me directly.

Respectfully submitted,



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City of Hughson