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The Honorable Marie Sovey Silveira  
Presiding Judge  
Superior Court – Stanislaus County  
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**Re: Response to the Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury Report**

Dear Judge Silveira:

The City of Patterson has reviewed the findings and recommendations of the 2014-2015 Stanislaus County Grand Jury Report concerning the Local Effects of Prison Realignment (AB 109) and Proposition 47, and has provided its response below.

**RESPONSE TO FINDINGS**

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

*Respondent agrees with this finding in its entirety.*

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.

*Respondent agrees with this finding in its entirety.*

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

*Respondent agrees with this finding in its entirety.*

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.

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*Respondent agrees with this finding in its entirety.*

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 local law enforcement agencies.

*Respondent agrees with this finding in its entirety.*

### **RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS**

R1. None.

*Respondent agrees with the recommendation.*

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.

*Respondent agrees with this recommendation.*

R3. None.

*Respondent agrees with this recommendation.*

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

*Respondent agrees with this recommendation.*

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 the potential challenges of AB 109.

*Respondent agrees with this recommendation and shall take all responsible actions to implement it as financial resources allow.*

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If you have any questions regarding the City's response or would like additional information, please contact me at 209-324-6205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Hallinan', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Tom Hallinan  
City Attorney

TH:dmg

cc: Ken Irwin, City Manager, City of Patterson