

September 28, 2004

David G. Vander Wall, Presiding Judge
Stanislaus County Superior Court
800 11th Street
Modesto, CA 95354

**RE: RESPONSE TO THE 2003-2004 STANISLAUS COUNTY CIVIL GRAND
JURY FINAL REPORT**

Dear Honorable Judge Vander Wall:

Enclosed is the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors response to the 2003-2004 Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury Final Reports regarding the County Departments approved by the Board of Supervisors on September 28, 2004. The Board of Supervisors took the comments made by the public and Grand Jury members very seriously. We want the Grand Jury to know that we appreciate the time and effort each member provided to this important process and value their findings and comments.

It is important to report that the Board of Supervisors carefully considered the agenda item in response to the Grand Jury findings and recommendations. The attached staff report and resolution of the Board of Supervisors reflects several clarifications, corrections and additional comments the Board felt were integral to our final response.

Further, the Board of Supervisors have directed the staff to present a proposed response to each years Grand Jury report earlier during the 90 day review period, to ensure adequate time to consider the final report. The Board also directed the staff to prepare, advise and make recommendations for the Board to consider in the future regarding dealing with alleged misconduct of an elected official.

Finally, the responsiveness of all County Department Heads, whose departments was the subject of the Grand Jury report, are attached for information only. In accordance with the provisions of

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the Penal Code, elected officials are required to respond directly to the Grand Jury report. The inclusion of the response from the District Attorney does not constitute agreement with that response on behalf of the Board.

Sincerely,

Chairman Paul W. Caruso
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors