



DATE: July 2, 2015

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Police

TITLE: **Proposed Response to Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Report, *Protecting Our Most Vulnerable Residents***

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the draft response to the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Report, *Protecting Our Most Vulnerable Residents* (Attachment 1 to the Council report).

BACKGROUND

The Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury issued a report entitled *Protecting Our Most Vulnerable Residents* on June 8, 2015. The report addressed their review of the duty manuals of the 11 municipal County law enforcement agencies and the County Sheriff's Office with respect to elder and/or dependent adult abuse. The Grand Jury also reviewed the Santa Clara County Police Chiefs' Association's County Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Protocol (County Elder Abuse Protocol), the training of County law enforcement personnel in elder and dependent adult abuse, and the reporting and investigation responsibilities of County agencies to receive and respond to reports of such abuse. The report is provided as Attachment 2.

ANALYSIS

The Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury reviewed and evaluated duty manuals and training practices used by local law enforcement with respect to elder and dependent adult abuse. The Grand Jury concluded that law enforcement and social service agencies are competent and committed to the protection of the elder and dependent adult population. The Grand Jury noted that only the Mountain View Police Department's and the Sheriff's duty manuals specifically reference Penal Code Section 368, which is applicable to elder and dependent adult abuse. In order to provide uniformity throughout the County, the police departments of Los Altos, Milpitas, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, and San Jose duty manuals should reference the County Elder Abuse Protocol.

The Grand Jury recommended that the District Attorney's Office should recommend to the Police Chiefs' Association that it create a card informing elder and dependent abuse victims of the resources available to them. These efforts are under way.

The draft response agrees with the findings in the report and notes the step the Police Department will comply with the Grand Jury's recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT – None.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Provide direction to revise the response.
2. Do not respond to the Grand Jury.

PUBLIC NOTICING – Agenda posting.

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- Attachments:
1. Proposed Response to Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Report, *Protecting Our Most Vulnerable Residents*
 2. Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Report, *Protecting Our Most Vulnerable Residents*