

RESPONSE TO 2020-2021 GRAND JURY REPORT – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

City Council Meeting
September 14, 2021

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Preparedness Manager

Background

- Each year the Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury investigates local government institutions and issues reports containing the results of these investigations. Each of the reports include formal Findings as well as Recommendations for improvement.

Background (cont'd)

- The Grand Jury may request that governing bodies and department officials respond to the Findings and Recommendations.
- Pursuant to state law, these responses must be filed with the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court within ninety days of the issuance of the Grand Jury report.

Response From City Requested

- On June 21, 2021, the City received a copy of the 2020-2021 Final Report Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury covering a number of issues outlined within the report.
- The Grand Jury has requested that the City of Santa Rosa prepare a response to certain of the Findings and Recommendations contained in its report entitled “Emergency Alerts and Communication - Toward a Culture of Preparedness.”

City's Response

- The City's Emergency Preparedness Manager has prepared a response to the report for Council's view and approval. The final response is to be signed by the City Manager and forwarded to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court by September 18, 2021.

Recommendation

It is recommended by the City Manager and the Fire Department that the Council, by motion, authorize the Mayor to provide formal response to Sonoma County 2020-2021 Grand Jury Report “Emergency Alerts and Communication Toward a Culture of Preparedness.”

QUESTIONS?