

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-159

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE
ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE POLICE CHIEF'S RESPONSES
TO THE 2015-2016 SACRAMENTO COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT
AND ADOPTING THE POLICE CHIEF'S COMMENTS
AS THE RESPONSE OF CITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the Sacramento County Grand Jury has directed the City of Elk Grove Police Chief to provide comment to both the findings and recommendations to the Presiding Judge of the Sacramento Superior Court relative to domestic violence responses and services by the Elk Grove Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05 require, in the case of a city, that the governing body of the public agency to whom the grand jury report was directed comment to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove that the City Council hereby adopts, and incorporates herein by reference, the Police Chief's comments, as set forth at Exhibit A, as the comments of the City Council to the 2015-16 Sacramento County Grand Jury Report, as it pertains to matters under the control of the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove this 24th day of August 2016.




GARY DAVIS, MAYOR of the
CITY OF ELK GROVE

ATTEST:



JASON LINDGREN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



JONATHAN P. HOBBS,
CITY ATTORNEY



EXHIBIT A

City of Elk Grove Police Department



August 24, 2016

Hon. Kevin R. Culhane, Presiding Judge
Sacramento Superior Court
720 Ninth Street, Department 47
Sacramento, CA 95814

Sacramento County Grand Jury
720 Ninth Street, Room 611
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attention: Becky Castaneda, Grand Jury Coordinator

RE: 2015-16 SACRAMENTO COUNTY GRAND JURY, FINAL REPORT

Dear Hon. Presiding Judge Culhane:

The Sacramento County Grand Jury has directed the Chief of Police for the City of Elk Grove to submit specific responses to Findings 1-3 and all Recommendations, contained in the 2015-16 Sacramento County Grand Jury Report, to the Presiding Judge of the Sacramento Superior Court by September 29, 2016, as required by Penal Code sections 933 and 933.05. Though not required to respond to Finding 4, the City of Elk Grove voluntarily chooses to do so. The City of Elk Grove has reviewed the Grand Jury Report and hereby submits the requested responses.

COMMENT TO FINDING F1: The Elk Grove Police Department agrees that the evidence-based practices identified by the Grand Jury demonstrate measurable results that have a positive impact on victims, families, law enforcement, and the community. The Grand Jury recognized that the Elk Grove Police Department has made domestic violence a priority and has a comprehensive response to victims, which response includes the evidence-based practices set forth in the Grand Jury Report.

COMMENT TO FINDING F2: The Elk Grove Police Department neither agrees nor disagrees with this finding as it references other agencies whose operations with which we are not familiar. The finding is not applicable to the Elk Grove Police Department specifically.

COMMENT TO FINDING F3: The Elk Grove Police Department agrees that coordinated and accessible domestic violence services for victims and their families have been proven most effective.

COMMENT TO FINDING F4: The Elk Grove Police Department agrees that its comprehensive and coordinate approach to domestic violence is a model program that protects victims and creates a safer community.

COMMENT TO RECOMMENDATION R1: As demonstrated by the Grand Jury Report, the Elk Grove Police Department is committed to addressing domestic violence and already has in place a fully functional domestic violence unit that focuses on response, investigations, follow-up, tracking and collection of comprehensive domestic violence data. The Grand Jury Report states that the Elk Grove Police Department has a model program in place that protects victims and creates safer communities. Therefore, this recommendation has already been implemented and no further implementation action is required.

COMMENT TO RECOMMENDATION R2: As demonstrated by the Grand Jury Report, the Elk Grove Police Department has established partnerships with domestic violence advocacy groups and provides comprehensive domestic violence specialized training for all patrol officers and detectives. The Grand Jury Report states that the Elk Grove Police Department has a model program in place that protects victims and creates safer communities. Therefore, this recommendation has already been implemented and no further implementation action is required.

COMMENT TO RECOMMENDATION R3: As demonstrated by the Grand Jury Report, the Elk Grove Police Department currently utilizes domestic violence victim advocates in law enforcement domestic violence calls and field investigations. The Grand Jury Report states that the Elk Grove Police Department has a model program in place that protects victims and creates safer communities. Therefore, this recommendation has already been implemented and no further implementation action is required.

COMMENT TO RECOMMENDATION R4: As demonstrated by the Grand Jury Report, the Elk Grove Police Department is a law enforcement agency whose patrol officers successfully use a field-based risk assessment tool. The Grand Jury Report states that the Elk Grove Police Department has a model program in place that protects victims and creates safer communities. Therefore, this recommendation has already been implemented and no further implementation action is required.

COMMENT TO RECOMMENDATION R5: The Elk Grove Police Department agrees that Family Justice Centers (FJC) have proven to be effective in coordinating interdisciplinary responses to domestic violence victims in other jurisdictions and was an early participant in the effort led by the Sacramento County District Attorney to create an FJC in Sacramento County. The Elk Grove Police Department will be a participant in the Sacramento County Family Justice Center once it is operational and, therefore, this recommendation will be implemented.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if further information is required or if there are any questions relative to the Elk Grove Police Department's domestic violence related services.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Lehner
Chief of Police

cc: Becky Castaneda, Grand Jury Coordinator
castanb@saccourt.com

CERTIFICATION
ELK GROVE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2016-159

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO) ss
CITY OF ELK GROVE)

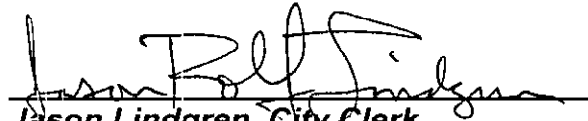
I, Jason Lindgren, City Clerk of the City of Elk Grove, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove at a regular meeting of said Council held on August 24, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES : **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *Davis, Ly, Detrick, Hume, Suen*

NOES: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *None*

ABSTAIN : **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *None*

ABSENT: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *None*


Jason Lindgren, City Clerk
City of Elk Grove, California