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The Honorable Gregory Gaul  
Presiding Judge  
Shasta County Superior Court  
1500 Court Street, Room 205  
Redding, CA 96001

Dear Judge Gaul:

The Shasta County Grand Jury issued a report titled "Agendizing Grand Jury Reports and Responses - Public Awareness Matters." The Grand Jury has requested that the City Council of the City of Redding respond to two findings and two recommendations contained within the aforementioned report:

F3. The City of Redding City Council discourages public awareness and open discussion of Grand Jury report responses by placing its official responses on its consent calendar.

Response: The respondent respectfully disagrees with the finding. Responses to Grand Jury reports are available online, in the City Clerk's Office, and at City Council meetings. Any member of the public may comment on responses prior to a City Council meeting or at a City Council meeting. In addition, any Council Member may request that an item be moved to the regular calendar for additional discussion, as necessary.

F4. The City of Redding City Council has failed to publicly discuss its own Grand Jury report responses, choosing instead to fully rely on city staff recommendations without any public discussion of the basis of their agreement with the city staff recommendations.

Response: The respondent respectfully disagrees with the finding. Every response is placed on an open agenda for public review and public discussion. Any member of the public may comment on the responses. In addition, any Council Member may request that an item be moved to the regular calendar for additional discussion if s/he would like extended discussion or deliberation.



- R3. The Grand Jury recommends the City of Redding City Council places all Grand Jury report topics and responses on its regular calendar.

Response: The recommendation will not be implemented as worded because it is not warranted. The City of Redding will continue to exercise its discretion as to how to organize its agendas. Those matters that require extended discussion or deliberation will be placed on the regular calendar, as recommended by the Grand Jury.

- R4. The Grand Jury recommends the City of Redding City Council places its responses to this 2015/16 Grand Jury Report on its regular calendar for public discussion.

Response: This recommendation has been implemented. Please refer to the May 17, 2016, City Council agenda.

Sincerely,



Missy McArthur  
Mayor

- c: Honorable Council Members  
City Manager  
City Attorney