



August 6, 2020

The Honorable Stephanie E. Hulsey Judge of the Superior Court County of Monterey 240 Church Street Salinas, CA 93901

Re: City of Soledad's Response to the 2019-2020 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Final Report "Overdue Responses to the 2018/19 Civil Grand Jury Report."

Dear Judge Hulsey:

This letter will serve as the City Council of the City of Soledad's response with respect to the Findings and Recommendations of the 2019-2020 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Final Report- "Overdue Responses to the 2018/19 Civil Grand Jury Report." As requested by the Grand Jury, the City of Soledad respectfully submits the following response to Finding F1 and Recommendation R1 as contained in the Report.

Civil Grand Jury's Report- Findings

F1) The City of Soledad prepared a timely response but failed to follow-through to obtain a signature on the duly-approved response letter and mail the letter in a timely matter. The Council agrees with this finding.

Civil Grand Jury's Report-Recommendations

R1) The City of Soledad should develop and implement new procedures (if none currently exist), and review existing procedures for responding to the Civil Grand Jury's findings and recommendations to ensure that the city's response is delivered to the presiding judge on or before the due date. These procedures should be developed and implemented within 90 days of the publication of this report. The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented within the 90-day time frame referenced in the recommendation. This is the first time that the City has encountered this problem and every effort will be made to see that a process is put into place to ensure that it is not repeated.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred J. Ledesma

Mayor, for and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Soledad

c: Brent Slama, Interim City Manager