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GRAND JURY SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Honorable James E. Herman

July 1, 2016

Presiding Judge

Superior Court

County of Santa Barbara

Dear Judge Herman,

On behalf of the 2015 - 2016 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury, I am honored to present this final report to you and the citizens of Santa Barbara County. The reports within this final report have been posted on the Grand Jury website at sbcgj.org and are available to the public. As responses are received from the various agencies and elected officials, they will also be posted on the website.

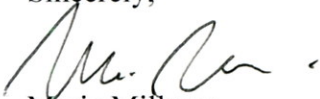
This past year the Grand Jury has written reports covering concerns with the water supply from Lake Cachuma, conflict of interest, oak tree protection and medical intake procedures at the Santa Barbara County Jail. These and the Jury's nine other reports have received extensive media coverage including print media, television and radio coverage, plus online news.

This year the Grand Jury conducted several activities to increase public awareness of the work of the Grand Jury, and to recruit future jurors. These activities included its continued introduction of its social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter. These accounts are used to help increase visibility and coverage of published reports and are a different approach aimed at reaching a new demographic of readers. The Grand Jury, with the help of the Superior Court Executive Officer, Darrel Parker, received a public proclamation from the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, declaring the month of February to be "Grand Jury Awareness Month". Two teams of speakers were dispatched throughout the county to increase public awareness of the functionality of the Grand Jury. Finally, the Grand Jury conducted a ceremony to present an award from the California Grand Jury Association to the editor of the Lompoc Record. The award was the "Media Excellence in Reporting Award", given for the newspaper's 25 articles published regarding a 2012 Grand Jury Report titled "A Failure of Oversight: Lompoc Housing and Community Development Corporation".

I want to extend the Grand Jury's appreciation to you, Judge Herman, for your ongoing help and support throughout the year. In addition, we want to express our deepest appreciation to Martin McKenzie, the Jury's legal advisor, for his invaluable advice and counsel. Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Darrell Parker for his encouragement and continued support.

In closing, I would like to say that none of the Grand Jury's accomplishments would had been possible without the dedication and yearlong commitment of all of the jurors of the 2015 – 2016 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury. It has been an honor for me to serve this outstanding Jury.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M. Millsaps', with a small flourish at the end.

Maria Millsaps

Foreperson

2015-2016 Santa Barbara County Grand Jury

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**2015-16 SANTA BARBARA
COUNTY Grand Jury Members**

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| Richard Abbott | Montecito |
| Ronald Allman | Santa Maria |
| Andrew Brown | Goleta (unincorporated) |
| Eugene Bucciarelli | Santa Barbara |
| Ariana Cadena | Santa Maria |
| Mary Frink | Santa Barbara |
| Karyn Hawes | Ballard |
| Barbara Landon | Los Alamos |
| Robert May | Santa Maria |
| James McNamara, MD. | Santa Barbara |
| Sandi Miller | Solvang |
| Maria Millsaps, Foreperson | Lompoc |
| Jerry Mrozek | Orcutt |
| John Olson | Goleta |
| Tim Putz | Santa Barbara |
| Jack Snyder | Goleta |
| Dan Suchman | Goleta (Embarcadero) |
| Stephen Weiss | Santa Barbara |
| Kathleen Werner | Goleta |

2015-16 SANTA BARBARA COUNTY GRAND JURY



Photo by Mike Eliason, Santa Barbara County Fire, Public Education Officer

Back row: Andrew Brown, Tim Putz, Dan Suchman
Forth row: Jerry Mrozek, Jim McNamara, John Olson, Richard Abbott
Third row: Eugene Bucciarelli, Joe May, Ronald Allman, Ariana Cadena
Second row; Kathleen Werner, Mary Frink, Sandi Miller
First row: Barbara Landon, Karyn Hawes, Maria Millsaps (Foreperson), Jack Snyder, Steve Weiss

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Helmar Stephen Janée, Ph.d.

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This Report is Dedicated to our Friend and Colleague

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Member 2015-16 Santa Barbara

County Grand Jury

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