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June 17, 2013

The Honorable Mark Bacciarini
Presiding Judge of the Civil Grand Jury
Merced County Superior Court

Dear Judge Mark Bacciarini,

The 2012-2013 Merced County Civil Grand Jury is honored to present this Final Report to the Court and the citizens of Merced County in accordance with California Penal Code, Section 933. This report encompasses many dedicated hours and involves sincere, thoughtful decisions. Our mandated and initiated investigations covered agencies of county and city governments.

The Civil Grand Jury appreciates the cooperation and respect extended to us by all government and public agencies. The acceptance of the findings and implementation of our recommendations are now the responsibility of the agencies and departments identified in the 2012-2013 Merced County Civil Grand Jury Report.

Of the twenty four complaints received by this Civil Grand Jury, twenty were declined, one was resolved prior to investigation, one was referred to the District Attorney's Office and two were referred to next year's Civil Grand Jury.

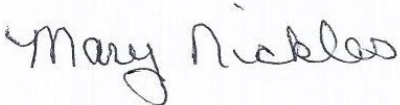
As mandated by law, the Civil Grand Jury inspected two correctional facilities, the John Latorraca Correctional Center and the Iris Garrett Juvenile Justice Correctional Complex. The Merced County Jail was also inspected. Police stations in Los Banos, Dos Palos and Merced were visited.

Ride-Alongs were conducted with Merced, Atwater, Los Banos and Gustine Police Departments and the Merced County Sheriff's Department.

The 2012-2013 Merced County Civil Grand Jury members appreciated the opportunity to serve the citizens of Merced County. All jurors agreed that serving on the Civil Grand Jury was a challenge, but also a rewarding and educational experience.

Thank you for your support, encouragement and counsel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Nickles". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Mary Nickles, Foreperson
2012-2013 Merced County Civil Grand Jury

2012-2013 Merced County Civil Grand Jury Members

Mary Nickles – Foreperson
Thomas Dinwoodie –Foreperson Pro Tem
Paul Cauwels
Harold Compestine
James DeBruin
Anita Edler
Roberta Gray
Kathleen Hogston
John Lawrence*
Robert Lint
Lisa Lockwood*
Caleb Medefind
Kevin Olds
Steven Presto
Victor Reyes
Jeffrey Schindler
Elizabeth Schwartz*
Leon (Sandy) Teague
Maureen Touhy
Jim Sutherland

*Jurors unable to complete the full term

Jurors resided in the following communities of Merced County

Atwater
Hilmar
Le Grand
Los Banos
Merced
Snelling