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State of California
PLACER COUNTY



**2008 - 2009 GRAND JURY
FINAL REPORT**



PLACER COUNTY GRAND JURY

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The Honorable Alan V. Pineschi
Presiding Judge, Superior Court
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The Honorable Charles D. Wachob
Advising Grand Jury Judge
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and Citizens of Placer County

Dear Judge Pineschi, Judge Wachob and Citizens of Placer County:

I take great pride in presenting the Final Report of the 2008-2009 Placer County Grand Jury. On behalf of all 19 members of the Grand Jury, I would like to acknowledge the advice and guidance of our Advising Judge, Charles Wachob, and County Counsel Attorneys Anthony La Bouff and Gerald Carden. I would also like to thank the Grand Jury Coordinator, Rosalinda Cruz, for her assistance throughout the year.

In July of last year, 19 Placer County residents volunteered and were sworn in to serve on the Grand Jury. In a very short time we learned to be a cohesive investigative team. We often vigorously debated points of view on topics we thought important and critical to insure fair, unbiased reporting. The members of this Grand Jury dedicated hundreds of hours of hard work to bring this Final Report to you. I would like to recognize one particular Juror, Jeannie Lera, for her countless additional hours of work as Chair of the Editorial Committee.

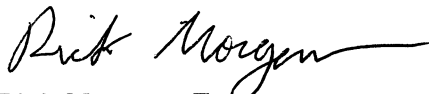
This report contains the result of investigations required by law, requested by the District Attorney, requested by citizens, or internally generated. With few exceptions, County staff were cooperative and helpful to assist us in our duty. The Jury was impressed with the resilience demonstrated by County employees

observed during our investigations during these difficult budgetary times. Budgetary constraints are creating stress at all levels of County Government. Service cutbacks and hiring freezes at many agencies are taking their toll on employees and public services.

Of special interest to this Grand Jury in the month of October was a Criminal hearing conducted at the request of the County District Attorney's Office. This hearing resulted in a True Bill. Based upon this True Bill, the District Attorney filed a murder indictment.

The Jury believes we have accomplished our required tasks and reported on issues of substance affecting citizens of Placer County. This report will also provide greater knowledge and insight into the functions of our County Government. It has been my honor to serve with the other Grand Jurors and be their foreman.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Morgan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rick Morgan, Foreman

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