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Honorable Judge Cortés Superior Court of California, County of Yolo 1000 Main Street Woodland, CA 95695

Yolo County Grand Jury P.O. Box 2142 Woodland, CA 95776-2142

VIA U.S. MAIL AND VIA EMAIL TO GrandJury@yolocounty.org

RE: 2021-22 Yolo Grand Jury Final Report You Only Vote Once: Elections Integrity

Dear Judge Cortés:

On May 9, 2022, the Yolo County Grand Jury released a report entitled, "You Only Vote Once: Elections Integrity." This report directed specific responses to findings and recommendations to the Yolo County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters. The responses are set forth below:

F-1 The Yolo County Elections Office is an exemplary administrator and guardian of our democratic electoral mechanism. Its employees are dedicated to the provision of a comprehensive and transparent mechanism for the citizens of our country to participate in elections.

<u>Response</u>: We agree with the finding.

F-2 We have found no evidence of systemic or other significant fraud in our county elections since at least 2001.

<u>Response</u>: We agree with the finding.

F-3 The Yolo County Elections Office has not published a departmental emergency response plan, as the YCGJ 2019-20 had recommended.

<u>Response</u>: We agree partially with the finding. While emergency preparedness is a component of our in-person physical pieces of training, we agree it is not a public

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document. Since the YCGJ 2019-20 recommendations, our Yolo County Elections Emergency Plan document provides enhanced details and is a document submitted to the California Secretary of State's Office.

This document provides essential information that should not be made public based on its sensitivity. We, however, agree that a generic document on the departmental emergency response plan should be made available to the public.

R-1 Yolo County Elections Office should prepare a departmental summary of an emergency response plan that is appropriate to release to the public by October 1, 2022.

<u>Response</u>: We partially agree with the recommendation. The timing of the release of this report and preparing for the upcoming November 2022 General Election during a pandemic makes the deadline unattainable. As documented in our earlier response, we have a Continuity of Operations and Continuity of Government Plans that are in place before each election and submitted to the California Secretary of State's Office.

We agree to make a generic document on the departmental emergency response plan. We will post and make this document available when we submit the detailed version to the California Secretary of State's Office after October 1, 2022, but before the November 8, 2022, General election.

Sincerely,

Jesse Salinas Yolo County Assessor/Clerk-Recorder/Registrar of Voters