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Press Release

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Subject: Yolo County Civil Grand Jury 2023-2024 Consolidated Report

The Yolo County Civil Grand Jury today releases the Final Consolidated Report for the 2023-2024 term. This report is comprised of six investigative reports and one compliance report.

The Yolo County Grand Jury, composed of Yolo County residents under the direction of the California Superior Court for Yolo County, issues reports on the effectiveness, efficiency, and transparency of local government. Local governments respond to the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations.

The Grand Jury investigated the aging animal services facility in the report, Yolo County Animal Services – MOVING FORWARD. Long-term difficulties at the shelter caused by underfunding, aging facilities, chain of command complexities, and the small size of the facility were some of the issues addressed.

The Grand Jury inspected the Yolo County Monroe Detention Facility and the newly completed Walter J. Leinberger Detention Center. One of the major findings in the report, Yolo County Detention Facilities – A STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE, is that the opening of the new detention center has been delayed due to staffing shortages.

The Grand Jury, in the report, Esparto Unified School District – SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION/SELECTION PROCESS, found that the 2022 Esparto School Board Election was in compliance with the California Education Code.

The Grand Jury determined that the General Plan’s timeline goals are in jeopardy in the report, The Yolo County General Plan – LET’S START THINKIN’ ABOUT TOMORROW.

The Grand Jury investigated some of the complexities in providing services to Yolo County’s unhoused population in the report, Addressing the Issue of Homelessness in Yolo County – WE WON’T BE LEFT BEHIND.

The Grand Jury, in the report, West Sacramento Port Commission - LEVERAGES REAL ESTATE ASSETS, found some irregularities in the West Sacramento Port Commission's real estate negotiations.

The Grand Jury reviewed report compliance of last year’s Yolo County Grand Jury 2022-23 Final Consolidated Report’s recommendations in the report, COMPLIANCE REPORT – A Compliance Review of the 2022-2023 Yolo County Civil Grand Jury Investigative Reports.

Grand Jury reports may be viewed at the Yolo County Grand Jury website, <https://www.yolocounty.org/living/grand-jury/yolo-county-grand-jury-reports> .

Very truly yours,

Carol Case

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2023-2024 Yolo County Grand Jury