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To: Foreperson Yolo County Civil Grand Jury 120 W. Main St, Suite A

Woodland, California 95695

To: Honorable Timothy Fall

Superior Court of California, County of Yolo

1000 Main Street

Woodland, California 95695

Re: Yolo County Detention Facilities - A Standard of Excellence

Foreperson and Honorable Timothy Fall:

The following is the response of the Yolo County Sheriff's Office to the 2023-24 Grand Jury report titled, "Yolo County Detention Facilities – A Standard of Excellence."

FINDINGS

F-1: The Correctional Division of the Yolo County Sheriff's Office is understaffed. Until staffing levels can be improved the Walter J. Leinberger Detention Center cannot be opened and operated.

The Sheriff's Office concurs with this finding.

F-2: With adequate staffing, the culinary class proposed for the Monroe Detention Facility kitchen will be an excellent addition to other programs at the facility.

The Sheriff's Office concurs with this finding.

F-3: A new vendor is needed to provide seamless and robust Record Management System/Jail Management System capabilities, resulting in paperwork reduction and an increase in staff and officer availability.

The Sheriff's Office concurs with this finding.

F4: The Yolo County Sheriff's Office continues to seek and online RFID system that would work best in their facility. This technology would significantly boost the Yolo County Sheriff's Office's ability to further meet the needs of incarcerated individuals while

maintaining accountability.

The Sheriff's Office concurs with this finding.

RECOMMENDATIONS

R-1: The Yolo County Sheriff's Office should continue to strive to find new ways to hire new staff so that the Walter J. Leinberger Detention Center can be opened.

The Sheriff's Office concurs with this recommendation and shall continue to work closely with the Yolo County CAO's Office and the Yolo County Human Resources Department with this endeavor.

R-2: The Yolo County Sheriff's Office should continue to fill vacant positions to offer the culinary training as an added program to assist incarcerated persons to develop marketable skills that can be used upon release.

The Sheriff's Office concurs with this recommendation.

R-3: The Yolo County Sheriff's Office should continue to find a contractor to procure Record Management System/Jail Management System programs within the 2024-2025 budget year.

The Sheriff's Office partially concurs with this recommendation. The procurement process will necessarily extend past the 2024-2025 budget year. The Sheriff's Office has enlisted the assistance of a consultant and understands the timeline to be approximately thirty months before the project can be expected to be completed.

R-4: The Yolo County Sheriff's Office should continue to search for an RFID system that is compatible with the facilities and, if found, submit a request to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors by April 1, 2025, to invest in this technology.

The Sheriff's Office partially concurs with this recommendation. A successful RFID system is dependent on a jail management system. The Sheriff's Office will perform a cost/benefit analysis of implementing an RFID system before a new jail management system is in place.