



FINAL REPORT

2011-2012



STANISLAUS COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY

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June 27, 2012

The Honorable Ricardo Córdova
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California
800 11th Street
Modesto, CA 95354

Dear Judge Córdova:

It is with great pleasure and pride that the 2011-2012 Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury presents its Final Report. This report is the culmination of countless hours of hard work and dedication by those of us who had the privilege to serve the citizens of Stanislaus County as members of the Civil Grand Jury.

Approximately one year ago, you impaneled a diverse group of 19 individuals. We were assigned the responsibility to investigate citizen complaints concerning local government entities and, where appropriate, to initiate investigations into areas of concern to the jury.

Among the many tasks of the panel is the objective investigation of all aspects of county and city government, and special districts to name a few. These investigations help insure these entities are effectively managed, serve the people and that our tax dollars are handled judiciously. The goal of this panel was to provide a better insight and understanding to the residents of the county, and to provide constructive recommendations regarding these issues. It is our hope we achieved some degree of success, but the final arbitrator will be the people.

We want to thank the numerous county, city and special districts' elected officials and employees who were contacted and graciously took time to answer our questions and to explain the operations of their respective areas of responsibility. The panel and I are also grateful for the advice, and support from you Judge Cordova, your staff, County Counsel, his staff, the District Attorney and her staff. A special thanks goes to the Administrative Assistant to the Civil Grand Jury, Ms. Elisa Osnaya who goes far beyond her job description to keep the panel functioning smoothly.

It has been a privilege to have been selected the Civil Grand Jury Foreperson this year. Thank you to every member of this panel for all your hard work, enthusiasm, dedication, and making the challenge a rewarding experience. The citizens of Stanislaus County can be proud of this panel and all it has accomplished in the promotion of transparency and openness in our county and local government while operating under the fiscal constraints we are all facing.

Sincerely,



Benny Del Re
Foreperson
2011-2012 Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury

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