

**RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM**

**Report Title:** GET THE PICTURE? Audiovisual Technology and Marin Law Enforcement

**Report Date:** February 18, 2014

**Response by:** City of Sausalito

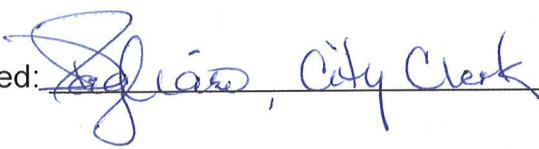
**By:** Sausalito City Council

**FINDINGS**

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered:   n/a  .
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered:   n/a  .  
**(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefore.)**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Recommendations numbered    have been implemented.  
**(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)**
- Recommendations numbered                         R2                         have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.  
**(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)**
- Recommendations numbered    require further analysis.  
**(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)**
- Recommendations numbered    will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.  
**(Attach an explanation.)**

Date: 5-13-14 Signed:  City Clerk

(Number of pages attached                         1                        )

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### GET THE PICTURE?

Audiovisual Technology and Marin Law Enforcement

#### Attachment #1

**Recommendation R 2:** The Grand Jury recommends the police departments of San Rafael, Sausalito, Ross, Fairfax, Central Marin, Mill Valley, and Novato request their respective City Councils provide funds to obtain on-officer cameras and pursue other funding sources as well.

**Response:** The Police Department has submitted a request to the City to consider funding on-officer cameras in the 2014 budget discussions.

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May 6, 2014

Nadine A. Muller, Foreperson  
2013/2014 Marin County Civil Grand Jury  
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 275  
San Rafael, CA 94903

Re: Grand Jury Report: *"Get the Picture? Audiovisual Technology and Marin Law Enforcement"* February 11, 2014

Dear Mr. Muller,

As required by Penal Code Section 933.05, I have provided our response to the 2013-2014 Civil Grand Jury Report, *"Get the Picture? Audiovisual Technology and Marin Law Enforcement"*

Also, based on information provided to me by staff and the Chief of Police, this letter provides some additional input for your report.

## FINDINGS:

**Finding 1:** On-Officer cameras have been found to reduce citizen complaints and increase officer safety, but only three law enforcement agencies in the county are using these cameras.

**Response:** We agree with the findings numbered: F1

**Finding 2:** Financial constraints are the reasons most cited by the law enforcement agencies that have not purchased modern audiovisual equipment.

**Response:** We partially agree with the findings numbered: F2

Cost is certainly a consideration in evaluating the purchase of on-officer cameras but there are several other issues such as:

- Durability
- Ease of Use
- Community support
- Data storage capability

FAX NUMBERS:

- Data security concerns
- Policies, Training and Procedures

**Finding 3:** Financial constraints are the reasons most cited by the law enforcement agencies that have not purchased modern audiovisual equipment.

**Response:** N/A

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Recommendation R 1:** The Grand Jury recommends that the Sheriff's Department and all police departments in the county use on-officer cameras.

**Response:** We partially agree with the Recommendation 1. The Sausalito Police Department will continue to research and evaluate the use of on-officer cameras.

**Recommendation R 2:** The Grand Jury recommends the police departments of San Rafael, Sausalito, Ross, Fairfax, Central Marin, Mill Valley, and Novato request their respective City Councils provide funds to obtain on-officer cameras and pursue other funding sources as well.

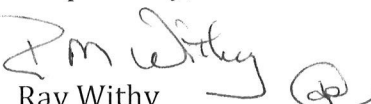
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**Recommendation R 3:** The Grand Jury recommends that the Sheriff's Department request funds from the Board of Supervisors for on-officers cameras and pursue grants and other funding sources.

**Response:** Recommendation 3 in not applicable to the City of Sausalito

Respectfully,

  
Ray Withy  
Mayor of the City of Sausalito

cc: The Honorable Judge Faye D'Opal

Email

November 23, 2015

From: Lilly Whalen

To: Tom Borden

Dear Mr. Borden,

Body cameras were considered in the FY 2015-16 budget hearings. During that time Staff brought forward options for the City Council's consideration, but they were not approved due to lack of information related to ongoing maintenance cost. Staff advice the Finance Committee that the cost for the body cameras and the supporting maintenance cost associated with the cameras would come down as technology continued to expand in the market. It was the Finance Committee's remediation to continue researching body cameras and bring a comprehensive proposal forward including in car license plate readers and stationary license plate readers to the Finance Committee for consideration as part of the FY 2016-18 budget.

Please let me know if this email will suffice as a response.

Sincerely,

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