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## FW: Response Packets: These Are Our Children - Responding to Youth Homelessness in Santa Cruz County

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**Subject:** Response Packets: These Are Our Children - Responding to Youth Homelessness in Santa Cruz County

Hello Grand Jury Foreperson (and Honorable Judge Gallagher),

Please find the response packets for the Grand Jury report "These Are Our Children: Responding to Youth Homelessness in Santa Cruz County" attached. Per the Grand Jury's request, a response from the Board of Supervisors, County Administrative Office, and Human Services Department is attached.

Thank you,

Dave

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### 2 attachments

**These are Our Children CAO Response Packet.pdf**  
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**These are Our Children BOS Response Packet.pdf**  
440K



**The 2017–2018 Santa Cruz County Civil Grand Jury  
Requests that the  
Santa Cruz County Administrative Officer  
Respond to the Findings and Recommendations  
Specified in the Report Titled  
These Are Our Children  
Responding to Youth Homelessness in Santa Cruz County  
by September 17, 2018**

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When the response is complete, please

1. Email the completed Response Packet as a file attachment to [grandjury@scgrandjury.org](mailto:grandjury@scgrandjury.org), and
2. Print and send a hard copy of the completed Response Packet to

The Honorable Judge John Gallagher  
Santa Cruz Courthouse  
701 Ocean St.  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

## **Instructions for Respondents**

California law PC §933.05 (included [below](#)) requires the respondent to a Grand Jury report to comment on each finding and recommendation within a report. Explanations for disagreements and timeframes for further implementation or analysis must be provided. Please follow the format below when preparing the responses.

### **Response Format**

1. For the Findings included in this Response Packet, select one of the following responses and provide the required additional information:
  - a. **AGREE** with the Finding, or
  - b. **PARTIALLY DISAGREE** with the Finding and specify the portion of the Finding that is disputed and include an explanation of the reasons therefor, or
  - c. **DISAGREE** with the Finding and provide an explanation of the reasons therefor.
2. For the Recommendations included in this Response Packet, select one of the following actions and provide the required additional information:
  - a. **HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED**, with a summary regarding the implemented action, or
  - b. **HAS NOT YET BEEN IMPLEMENTED BUT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE FUTURE**, with a timeframe or expected date for implementation, or
  - c. **REQUIRES FURTHER ANALYSIS**, with an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for that analysis or study; this timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report, or
  - d. **WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED** because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation therefor.

### **Validation**

Date of governing body's response approval: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions about this response form, please contact the Grand Jury by calling 831-454-2099 or by sending an email to [grandjury@scgrandjury.org](mailto:grandjury@scgrandjury.org).

## **Findings**

**F3.** The location and limited hours of the lone drop-in center in Santa Cruz County restricts the access of homeless young adults to necessary services and available resources.

**AGREE**

**PARTIALLY DISAGREE** – explain the disputed portion

**DISAGREE** – explain why

**Response explanation** (required for a response other than **Agree**):

## **Recommendations**

**R3.** The County Administrative Officer should expand the Continuum of Care Request for Proposals to include a mid-County drop-in center in addition to the ones proposed for North and South County. (F3)

**HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED** – summarize what has been done

**HAS NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED BUT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE FUTURE** – summarize what will be done and the timeframe

**REQUIRES FURTHER ANALYSIS** – explain scope and timeframe (not to exceed six months)

**WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED** – explain why

### **Response explanation, summary, and timeframe:**

Implementation is underway. Encompass Community Services (Encompass) has received approval from the Santa Cruz County Homeless Action Partnership for a grant award from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project funds to operate a new youth drop-in center, pending final approval by HUD. Encompass plans to develop the center with a central location in the mid-county area, such as near the Capitola Mall or Cabrillo College - accessible via multiple bus lines. Additionally, they plan to establish South County, North County and San Lorenzo Valley satellite site(s) offering outreach, engagement, and linkages through a mobile outreach van. The mobile outreach van will visit the satellite sites throughout the county as well as other established and ad hoc outreach locations and will be a key part of their outreach strategy. As part of the outreach strategy, a peer/adult Outreach/Service Navigator team will use the mobile unit to explore both the traditional youth and young adult (YYA) 'hang-out' spots (i.e. beaches, farmer's markets, boardwalk, parks, downtowns, the mall) as well as other less known areas (i.e. the levee, State parks, and other areas identified by homeless youth) each week. In addition to on- the- ground street outreach, Encompass will engage community partners (including law enforcement, juvenile justice, child and family services, school districts and others) and community coalitions (including The Coalition to End Human Trafficking, Youth Violence Prevention Task Force; Smart Solutions and others) to reach YYA. Light touch engagement will take place through street outreach, offering snacks, emergency supplies, brief conversation, allowing time and space to build trust and rapport. YYA who are ready to engage in further services will be transported to the central drop-in center location and will be linked to the appropriate staff and services.

## **Penal Code §933.05**

1. For Purposes of subdivision (b) of §933, as to each Grand Jury finding, the responding person or entity shall indicate one of the following:
  - a. the respondent agrees with the finding,
  - b. the respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding, in which case the response shall specify the portion of the finding that is disputed and shall include an explanation of the reasons therefor.
2. For purpose of subdivision (b) of §933, as to each Grand Jury recommendation, the responding person shall report one of the following actions:
  - a. the recommendation has been implemented, with a summary regarding the implemented action,
  - b. the recommendation has not yet been implemented but will be implemented in the future, with a timeframe for implementation,
  - c. the recommendation requires further analysis, with 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 the publication of the Grand Jury report, or
  - d. the recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation therefor.
3. However, if a finding or recommendation of the Grand Jury addresses budgetary or personnel matters of a County department headed by an elected officer, both the department head and the Board of Supervisors shall respond if requested by the Grand Jury, but the response of the Board of Supervisors shall address only those budgetary or personnel matters over which it has some decision-making authority. The response of the elected department head shall address all aspects of the findings or recommendations affecting his or her department.
4. A Grand Jury may request a subject person or entity to come before the Grand Jury for the purpose of reading and discussing the findings of the Grand Jury report that relates to that person or entity in order to verify the accuracy of the findings prior to their release.
5. During an investigation, the Grand Jury shall meet with the subject of that investigation regarding that investigation unless the court, either on its own determination or upon request of the foreperson of the Grand Jury, determines that such a meeting would be detrimental.
6. A Grand Jury shall provide to the affected agency a copy of the portion of the Grand Jury report relating to that person or entity two working days prior to its public release and after the approval of the presiding judge. **No officer, agency, department, or governing body of a public agency shall disclose any contents of the report prior to the public release of the final report.**