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Civil Grand Jury

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## Fwd: 2020-2021 Santa Cruz County Grand Jury Report Response from Supervisors McPherson and Coonerty re: CZU Lightning Complex Fire

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To: Santa Cruz Grand Jury <grandjury@scgrandjury.org>

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From: **Gine Johnson** <Gine.Johnson@santacruzcounty.us>  
Date: Fri, Aug 27, 2021 at 3:29 PM  
Subject: 2020-2021 Santa Cruz County Grand Jury Report Response from Supervisors McPherson and Coonerty re: CZU Lightning Complex Fire  
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Ms. Bilgere,

I write to decline the request for Supervisors McPherson and Coonerty to respond as individuals to the Grand Jury CZU Fire Report. Certainly the report illuminates many issues of concern that have also been shared with our offices by constituents, and will receive a response from the County. However, the County's legal counsel has educated our offices that the penal code requires this be done by those who have direct oversight authority over the issue(s) identified in the report. In this case, that authority rests with the entire Board of Supervisors not individual members of the Board. It is our understanding that the County's draft response to the CZU Fire Report will be reviewed by the entire Board prior to the required deadline of September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your service on the Grand Jury and for your patience regarding this correspondence.

Best regards, Gine

*Gine Johnson*

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