



## RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

**REPORT TITLE:** "The Future of Juvenile Detention in Marin"  
**REPORT DATE:** June 20, 2018  
**RESPONSE BY:** County of Marin Board of Supervisors

### GRAND JURY FINDINGS

- We agree with the finding(s) numbered: **F1-F4**

### GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations **R1** requires further analysis.
- Recommendation **R-2 and R-3** will not be implemented because they are not warranted or reasonable.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of Supervisors



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**RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY FINDINGS**

**F1. Alternatives to juvenile detention continue to produce positive results in Marin.**

Agree. The Marin County Probation Department assesses each case referred to the Juvenile Services Division and diverts low level cases away from the juvenile justice system. The Probation Department enjoys a solid relationship with local law enforcement and community-based organizations, which also provide diversion practices that appropriately keep minors out of Juvenile Hall.

**F2. The average census at Marin Juvenile Hall has remained low.**

Agree.

**F3. Marin Juvenile Hall is an aging facility.**

Agree. The Marin Juvenile Hall was built in the early 1960's with significant ongoing maintenance issues and a linear design which inhibits reduced staffing due to safety concerns.

**F4. Marin spends between \$600 and \$800 per day, per incarcerated youth.**

Agree. This number fluctuates based on population.



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## **RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Marin County Civil Grand Jury recommends the following:

**R1. The Board of Supervisors should solicit input from the public regarding the future of Marin's juvenile detention services and the Juvenile Hall property within three months of receipt of this report.**

This recommendation requires further analysis.

Over the next three months, the County Administrator's Office and the Probation department will contract for a feasibility analysis of a new, smaller juvenile detention facility. The results and recommended next steps will be presented at a future meeting of the Board of Supervisors so that the public can provide feedback concerning the recommended next steps.

**R2. The Board of Supervisors should conduct a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) process with all neighboring counties to determine interest in sharing juvenile detention services and facilities within six months of receipt of this report.**

This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or reasonable.

The Board of Supervisors believes children should be kept close to their systems of support. Children need their parents and schools to provide the resources needed for transition back into the community. Other concerns include the logistics of police transporting minors across county lines to a detention center; adequate access to a public defender and probation officer; and impaired access for parental visitation. With that said, the Probation department is currently reviewing annual expenses of the Juvenile Hall with the goal of making incremental reductions in their ongoing costs for the next fiscal year.

**R3. The Board of Supervisors should commission a study to determine the highest and best use of the entire Juvenile Hall property within three months of the conclusion of the RFP process.**

This recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or reasonable.

As described in R1, we would need to clarify what, if any, changes are being proposed before we would study the highest and best use for the Juvenile Hall property.