



STAFF REPORT

Resolution Approving Response to Recommendations of the San Mateo County 2003-2004 Civil Grand Jury Narcotics Investigation Report and the Sexual Assault Cases in San Mateo County Report

Honorable Mayor and Council Members

Summary

The San Mateo County 2002-2003 Civil Grand Jury has filed reports on Narcotics Investigation and Sexual Assault Cases in San Mateo County both of which contain recommendations pertaining to the City of Belmont. The City must respond to the comments in the reports, and staff has prepared responses on behalf of the City, which responses must be endorsed by the City Council.

Background and Discussion

The Civil Grand jury is empanelled each year in each County in the state; their charge, under State Law, is to review local governmental operations and make recommendations for improvements.

The San Mateo County 2003-2004 Civil Grand Jury has filed a Narcotics Investigation Report and a Sexual Assault Cases in San Mateo County Report both of which contain recommendations that are directed (among others) to the City of Belmont (see Exhibits A & B). All of the recommendations relating to the City of Belmont have been directed to the City Council, so the Council is required to officially respond. The Grand Jury requires a response no later than August 2, 2004 (Sexual Assault Cases), or August 31, 2004 (Narcotics Investigation).

Staff has prepared responses to the recommendations, which are incorporated in the attached Resolution. Following Council adoption of the Resolution, the responses will be officially transmitted to the Superior Court Judge who is presiding over the Grand Jury.

In general, the responses indicate no particular required action on the part of the City. In some cases, the responses pledge a continuation of efforts already underway.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact directly related to the responses themselves. Relating to the Narcotics

Investigation Report, there is an annual funding contribution to the San Mateo County Narcotics Task Force that is included in the FY04-05 Police Department budget (\$30,365).

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution approving the response to recommendations of the San Mateo County 2003-2004 Civil Grand Jury Narcotics Investigation Report and the Sexual Assault Cases in San Mateo County Report.

Attachments

1. Resolution
2. Response to Narcotics Investigation Report
3. Response to Sexual Assault Cases in San Mateo County Report

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief of Police

Jere A. Kersnar
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT APPROVING RESPONSE TO THE 2003-2004 SAN MATEO COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY NARCOTICS INVESTIGATION REPORT AND THE SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES IN SAN MATEO COUNTY REPORT

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County 2003-2004 Civil Grand Jury has filed a Narcotics Investigation Report dated June 2, 2004 and a Sexual Assault Cases in San Mateo County Report dated May 4, 2004, both of which contain findings and recommendations pertaining to the City of Belmont; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Belmont is required to respond to findings and recommendations in said report; and

WHEREAS, the City of Belmont has prepared appropriate responses and wishes to transmit them, as required by State law, to the Presiding Judge of the Civil Grand Jury.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Belmont as follows:

1. The responses to recommendations of the San Mateo County 2003-2004 Civil Grand Jury Narcotics Investigation Report pertaining to the City of Belmont, attached hereto and made a part hereof, are hereby accepted.
2. The responses to recommendations by the San Mateo County 2003-2004 Civil Grand Jury Sexual Assault Cases in San Mateo County Report pertaining to the City of Belmont, attached hereto and made a part hereof, are hereby accepted.
3. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to transmit said responses to the Presiding Judge of the San Mateo County 2003-2004 Civil Grand Jury, in accordance with State law.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on July 13, 2004 by the following vote.

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont