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Patrick S. Blacklock, County Administrator
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Dear Mr. Blacklock,

I am writing to you as a Yolo County resident and President of the Yolo-CGJA, a chapter of the California Grand Jurors' Association, composed of Yolo County residents who are previous grand jury members. Our goals are to support the grand jury system and promote government accountability. One of our tasks is to follow up on prior grand jury recommendations.

The following pertains to the 2014-15 Grand Jury report on the Monroe Detention and Leinberger Memorial Centers. You responded to recommendations indicating intent to take action. Although implementation might have occurred, the public at large and succeeding grand juries are not aware of it.

In its report, the Yolo County Grand Jury recommendation **R2** was:

“By June 1, 2016, the Detention Commander, in conjunction with the Chief Probation Officer, shall develop and implement a plan to track the effectiveness of discharge planning and in-house programs as they apply to inmates who successfully complete probation.”

Here is your response to recommendation R2:

“Yolo County Board of Supervisors and Chief Probation Officer:

The recommendation will be implemented. Probation is on track with a new case management system to be completed by the end of 2015. The case management system will track probationers' participation in out-of-custody programs and the rate of success. This tracking is intended to allow the County to determine the effectiveness of the discharge planning process as it relates to out-of-custody programs. Upon request, Probation will provide probationer information to the Sheriff's Office for their effectiveness review of in custody programs.”

In addition, the Yolo County Grand Jury recommendation **R4** was:

“By January 1, 2016, the Detention Commander shall identify any deficiencies in the surveillance systems and, in conjunction with the Board of Supervisors, take the necessary steps to remedy the deficiencies.”

Here is your response to recommendation R4:

“Yolo County Board of Supervisors:

This recommendation has been underway for several months. Sheriff Administration and Detention staff have implemented numerous changes as identified by the Sheriff in his separate response. Additionally, Sheriff Administration staff worked with the County Administrator to include replacement costs in the 2015-16 recommended budget which was developed this past spring and approved by the Board on June 16, 2015.”

Please provide us with a specific update with respect to progress on this grand jury recommendation.

We would appreciate your response by August 31, 2016. You may send your response electronically to: Barbara Sommer at [cgjayolo@gmail.com](mailto:cjayolo@gmail.com). Please note that we will share this letter and your response with the current Yolo County Grand Jury, the advising judge, and the public.

Sincerely,

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