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September 10, 2018

Honorable V. Raymond Swope, Judge of the Superior Court  
c/o Charlene Kresevich  
Hall of Justice  
400 County Center, 2nd Floor  
Redwood City, CA 94063-1655

### **Re: Grand Jury Report: "Law Enforcement Officers+ Narcan = Lives Saved From Opioid Overdoses"**

Honorable Judge Swope:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the above referenced Grand Jury Report filed on June 28, 2018. The City of Pacifica's response to both the findings and recommendations are listed below.

#### **Response to Grand Jury Findings:**

**F1. Untreated opioid overdose can cause brain damage and death.**

**Response to F1:** The City agrees with this finding.

**F2. Naloxone is a safe, nontoxic drug that can stop and reverse the effects of opioid overdose.**

**Response to F2:** The City agrees with this finding.

**F3. Narcan® is a brand of intranasal naloxone, which can be successfully administered with no more than one hour of training.**

**Response to F3:** The City agrees with this finding.

**F4. Fire department and ambulance paramedics are the only emergency responders within the County currently carrying naloxone.**

**Response to F4:** The City agrees with this finding.

**F5. Law enforcement officers may arrive at the scene of opioid overdose before paramedics.**

**Response to F5:** The City agrees with this finding.

**F6. Law enforcement officers' risk of accidental exposure to fentanyl derivatives varies based on their roles and responsibilities. Narcotics units, crime suppression units, SWAT teams, K-9 units, and evidence-handling units are at a heightened risk of exposure.**

**Response to F6:** The City agrees with this finding.

**F7. Certain law enforcement officers and Sheriff's Forensic Lab and Coroner's Office personnel are at heightened risk of exposure to fentanyl derivatives.**

**Response to F7:** The City agrees with this finding.

**F8. Equipping and training officers with intranasal naloxone is inexpensive and the associated costs can be absorbed into existing programs and budgets.**

**Response to F8:** The City agrees with this finding.

### **Response to Grand Jury Recommendations:**

The 2017-2018 San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury recommends that the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, the Broadmoor Police Protection District, and the Police Departments of Atherton, Belmont, Brisbane, Burlingame, Colma, Daly City, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Pacifica, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Mateo, and South San Francisco, do the following by December 31, 2018:

**RI. Train and equip law enforcement officers at heightened risk of exposure to fentanyl derivatives with intranasal naloxone as a minimum standard of practice.**

The City accepts this recommendation and will train and equip **all** officers with intranasal naloxone (Narcan) no later than December 31, 2018.

**R2. Evaluate training and equipping all law enforcement officers with intranasal naloxone in order to protect themselves and the general public.**

The City accepts this recommendation and will train and equip all officers with intranasal naloxone (Narcan) no later than December 31, 2018.

The 2017-2018 San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury further recommends that the San Mateo County Coroner do the following by December 31, 2018:

**R3. Train and equip Coroner's Office personnel at a heightened risk of exposure to fentanyl derivatives with intranasal naloxone.**

**Response to R3:** This recommendation is not applicable to the City of Pacifica.

The 2017-2018 San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury further recommends that the San Mateo County Sheriff do the following by December 31, 2018:

**R4. Train and equip Sheriffs Forensic Lab personnel at a heightened risk of exposure to fentanyl derivatives with intranasal naloxone.**

**Response to R4:** This recommendation is not applicable to the City of Pacifica.

Sincerely,

KEVIN WOODHOUSE  
City Manager

cc: Pacifica City Council