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**CITY COUNCIL**

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September 2, 2015

Honorable Marie Sovey Silveira  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California  
Stanislaus County  
P. O. Box 3488  
Modesto, CA 95353

Re: Two Responses to Civil Grand Jury Reports

Enclosed please find the Ceres' certified copy of the Ceres City Council Resolution # 2015-116, approving the City of Ceres' **response** to the Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations contained in the Stanislaus County Public Transit Systems for 2014/15, Case # 15-02C, concerning Ceres Transit.

Also enclosed you will find a certified copy of the Ceres City Council Resolution # 2015-117, approving the **City of Ceres' response on AB 109/Prop. 47.**

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Toby Wells  
City Manager

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SEP 15 2015  
Civil Grand Jury

*Read by  
G. Silveira*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - 117**

**APPROVING THE RESPONSE TO THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
CONTAINED IN THE STANISLAUS COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT ON AB  
109/PROP. 47**

**THE CITY COUNCIL**  
City of Ceres, California

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Ceres has duly considered the findings and recommendations contained in the report of the Civil Grand Jury for 2014/15, regarding AB 109/Prop.47, and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has caused to be prepared a RESPONSE to the Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations, a copy of which is shown as Attachment "A", and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has reviewed and considered said response.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Ceres that the response to the Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations is approved as set forth in Attachment "A"; and City staff is directed to serve and file the response in the manner required by law.

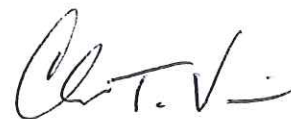
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Ceres City Council at the regular meeting thereof held on the 24th day of August, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES:	5	Council Members: Durossette, Kline, Lane, Ryno, Vierra
NOES:	0	Council Members:
ABSENT:	0	Council Members:

ATTEST:



Lori Frontella, MMC  
Interim City Clerk



Chris Vierra, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA        )  
COUNTY OF STANISLAUS    )     ss.  
CITY OF CERES                )

I, Lori Frontella, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Ceres, California, do hereby certify that Resolution 2015-117 is an approved, full, true, and correct copy, on file in the Office of the City Clerk of Ceres, California.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2015

  
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Lori Frontella, MMC, City Clerk  
City of Ceres

Attachment "A"

**City of Ceres Response to the Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury**

Local Effects of Prison Realignment (AB 109) and Proposition 47

The City of Ceres has reviewed the findings and recommendations of the 2014-2015 Stanislaus County Grand Jury Report concerning the Local Effects of Prison Realignment (AB 109) and Proposition 47, and has provided its response below.

**RESPONSE TO FINDINGS**

F1. AB 109 has affected County Sheriff and Probation Departments most and there have been some effects to other county departments.

*Respondent agrees with this finding in its entirety.*

F2. The State provides funding for the implementation of AB 109 through a formula that has been developed and amended several times since AB 109 passed.

*Respondent agrees with this finding in its entirety.*

F3. The Community Corrections Partnership, particularly the CCP Executive Committee, is responsible to allocate funds provided by the State for the implementation of AB 109.

*Respondent agrees with this finding in its entirety.*

F4. The CCP meetings are public but are not widely publicized, and the current location of the CCP meetings would not be able to accommodate a large number of public participants.

*Respondent agrees with this finding in its entirety.*

F5. AB 109 may have some effects to local public safety in the County, which may be compounded by budget cuts that have occurred to local law enforcement agencies.

*Respondent agrees with this finding in its entirety.*

**RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS**

R1. None.

*Respondent agrees with the recommendation.*

R2. The Stanislaus County Sheriff and Chief Probation Officer should continue to be active, both individually and through their statewide organizations, to ensure that Stanislaus County receives its fair share of funding for the implementation of AB 109.

*Respondent agrees with this recommendation.*

R3. None.

*Respondent agrees with this recommendation.*

R4. The CCP should develop strategies to increase public awareness of its mission and to encourage more public participation at meetings.

*Respondent agrees with this recommendation.*

R5. The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors and the City Councils of all nine incorporated cities within the County should take action to restore budgets and expand police services, particularly community-oriented and problem-oriented policing, to respond to the potential challenges of AB 109.

*Respondent agrees with this recommendation and shall take all responsible actions to implement it as financial resources allow.*