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The Honorable Katherine Feinstein
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
400 McAllister Street, Department 206
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: San Francisco Civil Grand Jury Report Response

Dear Judge Feinstein:

I write to respond to the San Francisco Civil Grand Jury Report entitled "Log Cabin Ranch Moving Towards Positive Horizons." Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933.05, I provide the following formal response on behalf of the District Attorneys' Office (SFDA).

Finding 4: Despite well intentioned efforts there still remains "turf battles" among the stakeholders.

SFDA Response: The SFDA lacks sufficient information to agree or disagree with this finding.

Recommendation 4: The Log Cabin Planning Committee, which currently meets only on an ad-hoc basis, should become a permanent committee meeting quarterly to build on its original successes. The Committee should be used as a forum to discuss and address long held negative biases and "turf battles" among the stakeholders. Further tasks could include: (1) exploring the expansion of involvement of community-based organizations with the Ranch; (2) exploring and seeking additional funding opportunities from private foundations and other sources; and (3) expanding and broadening the vocational opportunities currently offered at the Ranch.

SFDA Response: This recommendation has not been implemented, but will be implemented within the next three months. Representatives of the SFDA, Juvenile Probation Department and Public Defender's Office have conferred and agreed that the Log Cabin Planning Committee will hold standing quarterly meetings, to be facilitated by the Juvenile Probation Department, to commence in Fall 2011.

The SFDA shares the Civil Grand Jury's enthusiasm about the significant transformations at Log Cabin Ranch, and we look forward to supporting Juvenile Probation in continuing this important work. Should you require additional information, please contact Julius De Guia, Managing Attorney of the SFDA's Juvenile Division, at 753-7708 or julius.deguia@sfgov.org.

Sincerely,


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