



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 10/1/2019

File #: 19-1351

To: Board of Supervisors

From: County Administrative Office

Agenda Section: Departmental

SUBJECT:

Responses to 2018-19 Grand Jury Reports

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Review and modify as necessary the proposed Grand Jury responses from the Board of Supervisors (BOS) (Attachments 2, 4, 6, 9 and 11);
2. Review and modify as necessary the proposed Grand Jury responses from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Public Works Department (Attachments 7 and 13);
3. Approve the documents, as may be modified, as the response;
4. Receive reports, as a courtesy, from the Auditor Controller and Treasurer-Tax Collector (Attachments 14 and 15);
5. Direct the Clerk of the Board, within five working days, to submit the final response with an accompanying Board Order to the 2018-19 Grand Jury and the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court; and
6. Direct the Clerk of the Board, within five working days, to submit two copies of all responses to the County Clerk/Recorder, one of which will be forwarded to the State Archivist, together with a copy of the original report.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund

DISCUSSION:

The Grand Jury investigates and reports on the operations, accounts, and records of the officers, departments, or functions of the county. The county thanks the Grand Jury for their hard work and efforts that they have put forth in their 2018-19 Grand Jury reports.

The Grand Jury has submitted five reports to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. Each department head or agency mentioned in the report is required to respond. The reports and responding agencies are as follows:

- “Like, Home... There’s No Place” (Attachment 1). The Grand Jury has requested responses from the Board of Supervisors and the Eureka City Council.
- “Here We Go Again” (Attachment 3). The Grand Jury has requested a response from the Board of Supervisors.
- “The Last Resort” (Attachment 5). The Grand Jury has requested responses from the Board of Supervisors, Director of Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Director of DHHS - Mental Health and Humboldt County Sheriff.

Note: the Sheriff’s Office has responded independently to “The Last Resort,” however has not provided a copy of their response for this report.

- “Les Misérables” (Attachment 8). The Grand Jury has requested responses from the Board of Supervisors, the Eureka City Council, the Eureka Police Department, Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services and Humboldt County Sheriff.
- “Mis-Fortunes of Humboldt County” (Attachment 10). The Grand Jury has requested responses from the Board of Supervisors, Auditor-Controller, County Administrative Officer, Treasurer-Tax Collector, Department of Health and Human Services, and Department of Public Works.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact related to providing a response. Some individual responses may require expenditures.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board’s Strategic Framework by fostering transparent, accessible, welcoming and user friendly services .

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Those referenced in the Grand Jury reports.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may elect to modify any response pertaining to matters under its control.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Like, Home... There’s No Place - Grand Jury Report
2. Like, Home... There’s No Place - BOS Response

3. Here We Go Again - Grand Jury Report
4. Here We Go Again - BOS Response
5. The Last Resort - Grand Jury Report
6. The Last Resort - BOS Response
7. The Last Resort - DHHS and DHHS-MH Response
8. Les Misérables - Grand Jury Report
9. Les Misérables - BOS Response
10. Mis-Fortunes of Humboldt County - Grand Jury Report
11. Mis-Fortunes of Humboldt County - BOS Response
12. Mis-Fortunes of Humboldt County - Auditor-Controller Response
13. Mis-Fortunes of Humboldt County - Treasurer-Tax Collector Response

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

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