



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 9/10/2024

File #: 24-1268

To: Board of Supervisors

From: County Administrative Office

Agenda Section: Departmental

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Fiscal Year 2023-24 Grand Jury Responses: "Humboldt County Hiring: Status, Process, and the Future," "Humboldt County, Behavioral Health, Substance Use, and the Streets What Works?" and "Humboldt County Child Welfare Services Office of the Ombudsperson"

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Review and modify as necessary the proposed Grand Jury responses from the Board of Supervisors (Attachments 2, 4 and 6);
2. Approve the documents, as may be modified, as the response;
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board, within 5 working days, to submit two copies of all attached responses to the County Clerk/Recorder, together with a copy of the original report; and
4. Direct the Clerk of the Board, within 5 working days, to submit two copies of attached responses to the Clerk of the Court, one of which will be forward to the State Archivist, together with a copy of the original report.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Core Services/Other

Strategic Plan Category: 9999 - Core Services/Other

DISCUSSION:

The Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury investigates and reports on the operations, accounts and records of the officers, departments or functions of the County of Humboldt and other local government agencies. The county thanks the Grand Jury for its hard work and efforts its members have put forth in their 2023-24 Grand Jury reports.

To date, the Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury has submitted eight reports to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, of which six pertained to and were received by the County of Humboldt. Your Board provided responses to one report on July 23, 2024 and two reports on Aug. 13, 2024. Three remaining reports that require responses from your Board are before you today, and they are as follows:

- "Humboldt County Hiring: Status, Process, and the Future" (Attachment 1)
- "Humboldt County, Behavioral Health, Substance Use, and the Streets What Works" (Attachment 3)
- "Humboldt County Child Welfare Services Office of the Ombudsperson" (Attachment 5)

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SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund (1100)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to providing a response to Civil Grand Jury reports. Some individual responses may require expenditures.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Some individual responses to these Grand Jury reports may impact staff with increased workload.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Those referenced in the Grand Jury report.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

ATTACHMENTS:

1. "Humboldt County Hiring: Status, Process, and the Future" Report
2. Board of Supervisors Proposed Responses for "Humboldt County Hiring: Status, Process, and the Future" Report
3. "Humboldt County, Behavioral Health, Substance Use, and the Streets What Works" Report
4. Board of Supervisors Proposed Responses for "Humboldt County Custody & Correctional Facilities Humboldt County, Behavioral Health, Substance Use, and the Streets What Works" Report
5. "Humboldt County Child Welfare Services Office of the Ombudsperson" Report
6. Board of Supervisors Proposed Responses for "Humboldt County Child Welfare Services Office of the Ombudsperson" Report

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: July 23, 2024 and Aug. 13, 2024

File No.: 24-1094 and 24-1170