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FRESNO COUNTY RESPONDS TO CIVIL GRAND JURY'S REPORT No. 2

FRESNO, CA – The respondents listed in the Civil Grand Jury's Report No. 2 have read the report and extend their gratitude to the jury members for their diligence in their investigation.

The Fresno County Board of Supervisors and County Administrative Office (CAO) had previously identified many of the areas highlighted in the report inherited from prior administrations and have been actively addressing them.

As the report acknowledges, recent years have seen significant progress in County facilities with the renovation of the Rowell Building for the District Attorney's office, a new Animal Services facility, new Recorder's Building, new Sheriff Substation, and consolidation of the Department of Social Services from 40 buildings to the beautiful Clovis (formerly Pelco) campus.

Additionally, on May 7, 2024, the Board of Supervisors received a capital projects update regarding the pending completion of the West Annex Jail, the upcoming construction of new library facilities in Clovis and Reedley, a project to renovate a new Behavioral Health building on Olive, a new facility for the Agriculture Department, a master strategic facilities plan, and a deferred maintenance funding plan. In short, more progress has been made on County facilities in the last five years than the last 25 years combined.

Furthermore, the County has plans and active work to either surplus or use land and properties mentioned in the report, including UMC Campus, Elkhorn, Selma Ag Land, and the Cantua Creek community center.

The County's respondents will provide comments to the Fresno County Civil Grand Jury within 90 days of receipt of the report, per California Penal Code section 933(c).