

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA REPORT**

**TO: Honorable City Council**

**FROM: Jennifer Mellon, Administrative Services Manager**



**DATE: July 2, 2013 (CC Meeting of 7/17/13)**

**SUBJECT: Consider the Report of the 2012-13 Grand Jury "Ventura County Library"**

**DISCUSSION**

The City of Moorpark has been provided with the 2012-13 Grand Jury report regarding the Ventura County Library and the Grand Jury requires a response in writing to the Findings and Recommendations contained within the report. The report appears to have errors with requested responses. The City Council of the City of Moorpark has determined, based on the report, that the responses should be to FA-03-05 and FA-08-10 not FI-03-05 and FA-08-10. There are only Findings 01-07 identified in the report whereas there are Facts 01-10 identified in the report.

The City of Moorpark has been requested to respond to the following items:

**FA-03.** *Cities that have opted out of the VCLS state that their decision was correct for their community and that they are providing more efficient operation and service at less cost.*

**City Council Response:** The City of Moorpark agrees that the statements made in FA-03 are accurate.

**FA-04.** *The above statement is based on the claims of employees and management of independent libraries and do not reflect statistical data. The Grand Jury did not receive any statistical data to the contrary.*

**City Council Response:** The City of Moorpark can neither agree nor disagree with the above statement.

**FA-05.** *As observed by the Grand Jury, employees in both library settings appear to be equally satisfied, dedicated and service oriented.*

**City Council Response:** The City of Moorpark can only respond based on our opinion that staff at the Moorpark City Library are satisfied, dedicated, and service oriented employees.

**FA-08.** *It was found in statistical materials presented by the VCLS, when the Camarillo and Moorpark libraries withdrew from the County system, they represented a greater number of employees that served approximately seven times the number of citizens as the average remaining VCLS library. When Simi Valley withdraws from the VCLS later in 2013, its numbers are also greater than the average VCLS remaining libraries.*

**City Council Response:** The City of Moorpark can neither agree nor disagree with the data presented in FA-08.

**FA-09.** *Municipalities claim that contract administration provides greater efficiency, more services, longer hours at less cost than county administration, according to an article entitled, "Annual Report 2010: Local Government Privatization," published by the Reason Foundation.*

**City Council Response:** The City of Moorpark agrees with the claims made in FA-09.

**FA-10.** *Independent Libraries were found to offer programs that are designed to encourage the public to observe, experience and explore the library, such as professional interest and entertainment presentations.*

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

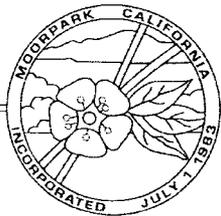
None.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Receive and file Grand Jury report and authorize the Mayor to sign the response letter from the City of Moorpark.

Attachments:

1. Ventura County Grand Jury Report Ventura County Library
2. Draft Response Letter



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## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

July 17, 2013

The Honorable Brian J. Back  
 Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
 County of Ventura  
 800 S. Victoria Ave.  
 Ventura, CA 93009

Dear Judge Back:

The City of Moorpark has received the 2012-2013 Grand Jury report, "Ventura County Library". In accordance with Penal Code Section 933.05, we submit our reply in response to the Grand Jury.

The City Council appreciates the efforts of the Grand Jury for its investigation into the administration of the Ventura County Library System.

The Grand Jury has requested the City of Moorpark provide responses to the findings outlined in the Grand Jury report identified as FI-03-05 and FI-08-10; however, there are only Findings in the report numbered to FI 01-07. The City of Moorpark has responded to FA-03-05 and FA-08-10 below.

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**SUMMARY:**

The City of Moorpark wishes to thank the Grand Jury for its time in performing their review.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janice S. Parvin, Mayor

Number of pages attached \_\_\_\_\_

C: Foreperson, Ventura County Grand Jury  
City Council  
City Manager  
City Attorney  
Deputy City Manager