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Hon. Leland Davis, III  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Hall of Justice  
400 County Center; 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Redwood City, CA 94063-1655

Re: 2016-2017 Grand Jury Report: "Can We See You Now? San Mateo County's Independent Special Districts Website Transparency Update"

Hon. Davis,

The San Mateo County Harbor District (District) has received the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury's above referenced Report dated June 19, 2017. This response has been approved by the District's Board of Harbor Commissioners at its August 16, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Findings: Findings F1-F4 do not apply to the District. The District agrees with Finding F5 that the District had not yet met the Special District Leadership Foundation's (SDLF) minimum requirements as of the date of the Grand Jury Report. As set forth below, it has since addressed the one missing requirement.

Recommendations: The report contains two recommendations which apply to the District:

R1 is that "The eight independent special districts' websites that do not conform to the current standards set by the Special District Leadership Foundation's transparency checklist shall conform to the accepted criteria on or before December 31, 2017."

The District has already implemented this recommendation by adding language to the District's website describing the election process for District Commissioners.

R2 is that "All independent special districts shall take the necessary steps to maintain their websites using the current standards set by the Special District Leadership

Foundation so as to provide pertinent information to their constituents and to continue to qualify for the District Transparency Certificate of Excellence."

The District already meets the SDLF checklist for website transparency. It will continue to improve its website so as to provide all pertinent information to its constituents.

Best regards,



Steve McGrath

General Manager

San Mateo County Harbor District

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