

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Craig Middleton, City Manager

**Subject: Response to Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report: Homelessness in Marin:
A Progress Report**

Recommended Motion/Item Description

Approve response to Marin County Civil Grand Jury Report: Homelessness in Marin: A Progress Report.

Background

The 2017-18 Marin County Civil Grand Jury has issued a report that requires a response from the City of Belvedere. The response must conform to the format required by Penal Code Section 933.05.

Findings

For this report, the Civil Grand Jury has examined both the incidence of homelessness in Marin County and efforts to house and provide comprehensive supportive services to the homeless population. The overall population of homeless in Marin has dropped since 2015; however, the number of chronically homeless has increased. While collaboration among non-profit providers and public jurisdictions has improved, more resources are needed in order to eliminate homelessness in Marin.

The City of Belvedere contributed to the county-wide REST program, and is continuing its financial support of programs for homeless in the wake of the discontinuation of the REST program. In the response to the Civil Grand Jury’s recommendation #5, that cities and towns seek opportunities to work with developers to create housing for homeless within their jurisdictions, it is noted that Belvedere is essentially built-out; there is no available land for the development of new housing. However, Belvedere continues to add housing on existing parcels, primarily through the approval of accessory dwelling units, thereby contributing to efforts to increase the supply of housing generally within the county.

Attachments

- Response to Grand Jury
- Grand Jury Report: Homelessness in Marin: A Progress Report.