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Superior Court of CA County of Santa Clara  
BY D. ALDYCKI *[Signature]*

November 1, 2011

Honorable Richard J. Loftus, Jr.  
Presiding Judge  
Santa Clara County Superior Court  
191 North First Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

Dear Judge Loftus:

In response to the letter from the Grand Jury dated June 15, 2011, I agree with the recommendations made by the 2010-2011 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury pertaining to the "Can You Hear Me Now?" Emergency Dispatch Consolidation. The implementation of a centralized dispatch system will not only be more cost-effective, but will better serve the citizens of Santa Clara County by providing faster and more efficient emergency response.

However, the recommendations will not be implemented by the Sheriff's Office. Although I agree with the Grand Jury, the Santa Clara County Communications Center is under the authority of the County General Services Agency. Therefore, I have no authority to initiate the recommendations from the Grand Jury.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laurie Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive.

LAURIE SMITH, Sheriff  
Santa Clara County

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