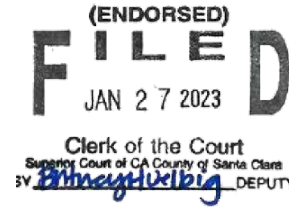




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January 18, 2023

Honorable Beth McGowen  
Presiding Judge, Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury  
Superior Court of Santa Clara County  
191 North First Street  
San Jose, CA 95113

Subject: 2022 Civil Grand Jury of Santa Clara County Report  
"Show Me the Money: Financial Transparency Needed"

Dear Judge McGowen,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and respond to the 2022 Civil Grand Jury of Santa Clara County Report "Show Me the Money: Financial Transparency Needed." Please find the enclosed response to finding 9 of the report. The City of Saratoga's response was approved by the City Council at the January 18, 2023 City Council Meeting.

Sincerely,

*Kookie Fitzsimmons*

Kookie Fitzsimmons, Mayor  
City of Saratoga

**City of Saratoga Response to Finding 9**  
**2022 Civil Grand Jury of Santa Clara County Report**  
**“Show Me the Money: Financial Transparency Needed”**

**FINDING 9**

The Civil Grand Jury commends the City of Saratoga for producing monthly treasurer’s reports that include disbursements, receipts, and fund balances. The City of Saratoga is in full compliance with California Government Code section 41004.

- **Response:** Agree.

The Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury evaluated the monthly treasurer’s reports of general law cities in the county from March to August 2022 to assess their compliance with State requirements and found that Saratoga was compliant with the California Government Code. Starting with the City of Saratoga March 2022 Treasurer’s Report, the City transitioned to a new format for the report that included information about monthly pooled cash transactions, quarterly investments, and monthly budget summary by capital improvement plan budget project. These changes were implemented to further align with California Government Code section 41004 and to improve accessibility, clearly explain major changes in cash, minimize opportunities for error, and maximize the City’s ability to identify anomalies, concerns, or mistakes.

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