August 22, 2018

Honorable V. Raymond Swope
Judge of the Superior Court
c/o Charlene Kresevich
Hall of Justice
400 County Center, 2nd floor
Redwood City, CA 94063-1655

Re: Law Enforcement Officers + Narcan = Lives Saved from Opioid Overdoses

Dear Judge Swope,

We are in receipt of the Grand Jury’s final report entitled; “Law Enforcement Officers + Narcan = Lives Saved from Opioid Overdoses.” Pursuant to your June 28, 2018 request for response, the Daly City, City Council held a public meeting on August 13, 2018 and approved this response. The City of Daly City responds to the Grand Jury’s findings, conclusions and recommendations as follows:

Findings:

F1. Untreated opioid overdose can cause brain damage and death.

Response: The City agrees with this finding.

F2. Naloxone is a safe, nontoxic drug that can stop and reverse the effects of opioid overdose.

Response: The City agrees with this finding.

F3. Narcan is a brand of intranasal naloxone, which can be successfully administered with no more than one hour of training.

Response: The City agrees with this finding.
F4. Fire department and ambulance paramedics are the only emergency responders within the County currently carrying naloxone.

Response: The city neither agrees or disagrees with this finding. Many San Mateo County Law Enforcement Agencies are exploring naloxone as a tool for combatting opioid overdoses. It is unknown if any police agencies have implemented a program as of this writing.

F5. Law enforcement officers may arrive at the scene of opioid overdose before paramedics.

Response: The City agrees with this finding.

F6. Law enforcement officers’ risk of accidental exposure to fentanyl derivatives varies based on their role and responsibilities. Narcotics units, crime suppression units, SWAT teams, K-9 units and evidence-handling units are at a heightened risk of exposure.

Response: The City agrees with this finding.

F7. Certain law enforcement officers and Sheriff’s Forensic Lab and Coroner’s Office personnel are at heightened risk of exposure to fentanyl derivatives.

Response: The City agrees with this finding.

F8. Equipping and training officers with intranasal naloxone is inexpensive and the associated costs can be absorbed into existing programs and budgets.

Response: The City agrees with this finding.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

R1. Train and equip law enforcement officers at heightened risk of exposure to fentanyl derivatives and intranasal naloxone as a minimum standard practice.

Response: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. The Daly City Police Department will issue naloxone to all sworn personnel by December 31, 2018.

R2. Evaluate training and equipping all law enforcement officers with intranasal naloxone in order to protect themselves and the general public.

Response: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. The Daly City Police Department will issue naloxone to all sworn personnel by December 31, 2018.
The City of Daly City appreciates the opportunity to provide written responses to the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury Report Law Enforcement Officers + Narcan=Lives Saves from Opioid Overdoses.

Should the Grand Jury require any additional information, please contact me directly at 650-991-8127.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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