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Honorable V. Raymond Swope  
Judge of the Superior Court  
c/o Charlene Kresevich  
Hall of Justice  
400 County Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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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,



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