

MADERA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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Judge Michael Jurkovich Supervising Judge of the Madera County Grand Jury 200 S. G Street Madera, Ca. 93637

Attention: Honorable Judge M. Jurkovich

This letter serves as a response to the Madera County Grand Jury findings and recommendations released on or about June 29, 2023, regarding Madera County Juvenile Detention Facility.

Madera County Probation Department acknowledges the Madera County Grand Jury's findings and recommendations. The department will continue to operate the facility with a high regard for safety and rehabilitation of youth under our care and supervision.

Below is the department's response to the Madera County Grand Jury findings and recommendations pursuant to Penal Code Sections 933 & 930.05:

The Madera County Probation Department agrees with the findings and recommendations. We will continue to follow these recommendations. Please note that the Madera County Juvenile Detention Facility is also inspected annually by the Madera County Public Health Officer, Buildings, Environmental Health, Superintendent of Schools, State and Local Fire, Juvenile Justice Commission, and the State Board of Community Corrections to ensure the facility meets the minimum standards set forth in California Government Code Title 15 Standards for Facilities. The facility meets or exceeds these standards set forth by the State of California. A copy of the State of California's inspection is available to the public on the Board of State Community Corrections website.

Madera County Probation Department would like to thank the Madera County Grand Jury for their positive comments and recommendations. The Jurors that toured the facility on October 22, 2022, showed a genuine interest and concern for the youth and their education, rehabilitation, mental health, and medical treatment.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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