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SENT VIA U.S. MAIL

Judith C. Clark, Presiding Judge

Superior Court of California, County of Riverside
4050 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92501

Riverside County Grand Jury

Post Office Box 829
Riverside, CA 92502

Riverside County Clerk-Recorder

2720 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507

**Re: Response to Riverside County Civil Grand Jury 2023-2024 report on
NARCAN SAVING LIVES IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

To the Honorable: Presiding Judge Judith C. Clark, Riverside County Grand Jury, and Riverside County Clerk-Recorder:

The City of Palm Springs ("City") is hereby submitting in compliance with California Penal Code Section 933, a response to the Riverside County Civil Grand Jury 2023-2024 report titled, "YOU NARCAN SAVES LIVES: NARCAN SAVING LIVES IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY," received by the City of Palm Springs City Clerk on June 11, 2024. The report, addressed to the City of Palm Springs, by the direction of the Riverside County Grand Jury requires a response from the City within ninety (90) days, along with a response to the Findings 1, 2, and 3, and to Recommendation 1.

The City has a combined response, joined by the City of Palm Springs Police and Fire Department. Please find below the combined response:

Findings:

F1: The statistical data provided by the EMS on Narcan usage for 2021, 2022, and 2023 indicates a declining percentage of on-scene fatalities.

F1 Response: The City of Palm Springs agrees with this finding.

F2: The availability of Narcan has assisted law enforcement and the public to assist suspected opioid overdoses and to have a better chance of survival.

F2 Response: The City of Palm Springs agrees with this finding.

F3: There is a lack of guidance regarding what data would be tracked by law enforcement and other first responders when administering Narcan.

F3 Response: The City of Palm Springs agrees with this finding.

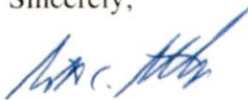
Recommendation:

R1: A comprehensive method should be created to collect pertinent Narcan data on a monthly basis from all emergency responders and/or medical providers. This data should include the number of incidents, dosages by incidents, number of lives saved, and number of fatalities.

R1 Response: The City of Palm Springs agrees with this recommendation. The recommendation cannot be implemented by the City of Palm Springs alone. However, the City of Palm Springs remains willing to participate with other affected public safety providers to help create a comprehensive method to collect pertinent Narcan data on a monthly basis.

The City of Palm Springs appreciates the opportunity provided by the Grand Jury to allow us to provide a response to the 2023-2024 report. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,



Scott Stiles,
City Manager

cc: Mayor and City Councilmembers
Andrew Mills, Police Chief
Paul Alvarado, Fire Chief

