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August 20, 2025

The Honorable Anita Starchman-Bryant, Presiding Judge, and Members of the Grand Jury
Mariposa County Superior Court
P.O. Box 28
Mariposa, CA 95338-0028

Re: Mariposa Civil Grand Jury Report 2024-2025

Dear Honorable Judge Anita Starchman-Bryant and the Esteemed Members of the Grand Jury:

The John C. Fremont Healthcare District's (JCFHD's) Board of Directors is in receipt of the 2024-2025 Civil Grand Jury report titled, "Mariposa County Civil Grand Jury Final Report 2024-2025." Per your request, and in compliance with section 933 of the California Penal Code, please find within this letter the response to your Continuity and Compliance report based on last year's findings. We thank you for taking the time to review the recommendations from the previous findings as we continue to work together as the JCFHD Board of Directors to improve our overall accountability to our community. We welcome the request for responses, which you can find set forth below.

RECOMMENDATIONS

F1. Significant instability in Board leadership (3 board resignations, and 6 interim/new Chief Executive Officers since 2022) and Executive C-Suite management led to the public's diminished confidence in the John C. Fremont Healthcare District

Response: The board partially agrees with this finding. The Board has held stable leadership since the November 2024 election and has continued to work together to promote community accountability. The Board welcomed two newly elected members in the Fall of 2024, allowing for growth and new insight into perspectives of the broader Mariposa community. Together the Board is actively working to stabilize Executive leadership through the selection of a new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) which is in the beginning processes. More details, including a timeline regarding this process will be forthcoming in the R1 report section.

F2. The JCFHD Board of Directors withheld information between themselves leading to individual discontent and poor decision making.

Response: The JCFHD Board of Directors disagrees with this finding. The JCFHD has renewed the annual commitment to both the training on the Brown Act as well as the JCFHD Board Code of Conduct. The Board acknowledges that Regular and Special Board meetings are the appropriate place for conversating as a quorum and making decisions. The Board further acknowledges that by respecting the public meeting space, we are working to strengthen our trust from the community and staff of the JCFHD.

R1. JCFHD Board should be more diligent in vetting the CEO candidates.

Response: The JCFHD Board of Directors agrees with this finding. The JCFHD Board has initiated a plan to work with a contracted recruiting firm in partnership with the JCFHD Human Resources team to begin the process of finalizing the job expectations in order to move forward

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with a permanent CEO search. The current appointed interim CEO has been vetted through the JCFHD Human Resources team. The expectation for the Board moving forward is to include the staff, providers, and community in the recruitment of a Chief Executive Officer to begin in the Fall/Winter of 2025-2026.

R2. JCFHD Board should be more diligent in financial review of the Healthcare District.

Response: The JCFHD Board agrees with this finding and is actively working to educate internally while developing long term financial oversight. The Board acknowledges that the financial fiduciary role is the primary responsibility of the JCFHD Board of Directors. The consulting firm that was contracted by the JCFHD is scheduled to report to the Board during the Summer of 2025.

In closing the Board would like to thank the Grand Jury for their time, and dedication to our community.

Sincerely,

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John C. Fremont Board of Directors

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Honorable Michael A. Fagalde, Per PC933