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BY LAURA SANTANA Deputy

The Honorable Chris Chandler  
Presiding Judge of the Sutter County Superior Court  
446 Second Street  
Yuba City, California 95991

Re: Grand Jury Report – “The Brown Act”

Your Honor,

I have received and reviewed a copy of the final report of the 2007-'08 Grand Jury on the subject of “The Brown Act.” This report contains no findings or recommendations respecting the District Attorney’s Office.

I did, however, provide legal advice to the Grand Jury on the interpretation and application of some of the terms of the Brown Act and insofar as those comments are included in the report they are accurate and represent fairly the advice I offered.

It was a pleasure to work with the 2007-'08 Grand Jury and I appreciate the thoroughness of their efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carl V. Adams".

Carl V. Adams  
Sutter County District Attorney

cc: Board of Supervisors  
Ken Brooke, Grand Jury Foreperson

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Re: **Response to the 2007-2008 Grand Jury Final Report**

JUL 22 2008

Dear Judge Chandler,

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SUTTER  
CRIMINAL DIVISION

The District Attorney responds as follows to each of the recommendations of the 2007-2008 Grand Jury pertaining to the Office of the Sutter County District Attorney:

**Recommendation One: The Grand Jury recommends that the Sutter County District Attorney's Office encourage and arrange for the training of more of its prosecutors to become experts in gang related prosecution. (Grand Jury Report, page 130)**

**Response:** The District Attorney's Office has a second prosecutor already scheduled to attend the Gang Violence Prosecution Seminar, a training program of the California District Attorney's Association, when the class is offered in 2008-2009. In addition, the District Attorney plans to train a third prosecutor in the office in gang prosecution and specifically in the civil enforcement approach to the gang issues.

**Comment to Recommendation One:** Gang related crime and violence has become an increasingly serious problem in Sutter County. The District Attorney has had continuous and recent conversations about the issue with County Administration, the Sheriff, the Chief Probation Officer and with the Yuba City Police Chief. A cooperative and focused approach is desired by everyone. Although the first local Gang Intervention Task Force was formed over a decade ago no effort so far has had a significant impact on reversing the trend of increasing activity and violence.

Although a serious community and law enforcement problem, the actual number of cases going through court is not enough to constitute a prosecutor's full-time caseload under normal circumstances. Assigning additional legal staff will permit the prosecutor to work more closely with law enforcement and to become involved in the investigation phase of these gang-related cases.

**Recommendation Two: The Grand Jury recommends that those with oversight of the member bodies of YSAGE convene a forum. The purpose of this forum should be to discuss the advantages and feasibility of creating a dedicated gang enforcement unit. (Grand Jury Report, page 130)**

**Response:** A meeting of the District Attorney, Sheriff and Chief Probation Officer has been called by the Sutter County Administrator to discuss the feasibility of a dedicated gang enforcement unit. The county agencies are working on the idea and when they reach some agreement, the logical next step will be to involve the Yuba City Police Department, which already has an internal gang enforcement unit with well-trained and experienced officers. The role and involvement of other Yuba-Sutter Area Gang Enforcement (YSAGE) member agencies would be the next step in those discussions.

The District Attorney and the District Attorney's Office were also mentioned in the Grand Jury's report on "The Brown Act," released in April of this year. While there is no recommendation in that report concerning the D.A., I would simply like to thank the Grand Jury for their diligence and effort in the background work that went into that Report. My Response to that Report is attached to this letter.

Sincerely,



Carl V. Adams  
District Attorney of Sutter County

Cc: Kenneth D. Brooke  
Grand Jury Foreperson

Larry Combs  
County Administrator

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