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Honorable Francisca P. Tischer
Honorable Raymond Guadagni
Presiding Judges 2007/2008
Superior Court of the State of California County of Napa
825 Brown Street
Napa, CA 94559

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Clerk of the Napa Superior Court
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Subject: Grand Jury Report 2007/2008 Napa Valley Housing Authority/Farmworker Housing Centers

Dear Honorable Judges Tisher, Guadagni, and Members of the Grand Jury:

This letter is in response to the 2007-2008 Grand Jury Report which was released on March 5, 2008, and is intended to fulfill the legal requirements for response. The City of St. Helena appreciates the comments by the Grand Jury and the opportunity to respond.

Finding 25:

"The first sentence of Recital L to the Settlement Agreement erroneously states that the Executive Director did not have authority to sign change orders. This Recital was drafted by the County Counsel."

Recommendation 6:

"Agreements to which local government agencies are parties not contain false statements in the recitals."

Response:

The City of St. Helena agrees with this recommendation.

The City takes great care in the drafting of Resolutions, and Agreements to ensure that the basis for recommendations and decisions are clearly articulated and that facts are correctly presented. The City includes in recitals background information that will assist in the interpretation of contracts and/or the intent of the resolution. The City's action to authorize the Settlement Agreement containing the recital to which the Grand Jury refers was based upon the City Council's understanding that the facts contained in the recital were true.

These comments are respectfully submitted for the City of St. Helena Housing Authority, as approved by the St. Helena City Council at their regular meeting of May 27, 2008.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
Bert Johansson
City Manager

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