CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

2020-2021 CIVIL GRAND JURY

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CONTINUITY REPORT

San Francisco, CA, June 15, 2021 – The 2020-2021 Civil Grand Jury today released its Continuity Report, which focuses on the City's response and follow-up to previous year Civil Grand Jury reports.

Review of the 2017–2020 reports and the Controller's status report revealed that, for the most part, the City has provided responses that are both timely and compliant with the penal code requirements. Additional attention by the City to including timeframes for implementation or further analysis would strengthen the overall compliance of the responses.

The Continuity Report concludes that:

- 18 (11%) of the 168 responses to recommendations made in the past three years were not compliant with California Penal Code Section 933.05(b) because they did not state timeframes for implementation or further analysis.
- 23 (24%) of the 97 recommendations remain open, meaning they have not been implemented fully or they are still being analyzed.
- Responding agencies provided conflicting responses to the same recommendation in two instances.
- Responding agencies provided ambiguous responses to the same recommendation in one instance.

The Superior Court selects 19 San Franciscans to serve year-long terms as Civil Grand Jurors. The Jury has the authority to investigate City and County government by reviewing documents and interviewing public officials and private individuals. At the end of its inquiries, the Jury issues reports of its findings and recommendations. Agencies identified in the report must respond to these findings and recommendations within either 60 or 90 days, and the Board of Supervisors conducts a public hearing on each Civil Grand Jury report after those responses are submitted.

Civil Grand Jury reports may be viewed online at http://civilgrandjury.sfgov.org/report.html.

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