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# Grand Jury Report

## RESPONSE FORM

**Grand Jury Report Title :** City of Point Arena Code Enforcement?

**Report Dated :** 04/12/2016

**Response Form Submitted By:**

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**I have reviewed the report and submit my responses to the FINDINGS portion of the report as follows:**

- I (we) agree with the Findings numbered:  
NONE
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered below, and have **attached, as required**, a statement specifying any portion of the Finding that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons therefore.  
1,2,3,4 & 5

**I have reviewed the report and submit my responses to the RECOMMENDATIONS portion of the report as follows:**

- The following Recommendation(s) have have been implemented and **attached, as required**, is a summary describing the implemented actions:  
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- The following Recommendation(s) have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, **attached, as required** is a time frame for implementation:  
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- The following Recommendation(s) require further analysis, and **attached as required**, is an explanation and the scope and parameters of the planned analysis, and a time frame for the matter to be prepared, discussed and approved by the officer and/or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed: (This time frame shall not exceed six (6) months from the date of publication of the Grand Jury Report)
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- The following Recommendations will NOT be implemented because they are not warranted and/or are not deemed reasonable, **attached, as required** is an explanation therefore:

2,3,4 & 5

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*I have completed the above responses, and have attached, as required the following number of pages to this response form:*

Number of Pages attached: 6

*I understand that responses to Grand Jury Reports are public records. They will be posted on the Grand Jury website: [www.co.mendocino.ca.us/grandjury](http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/grandjury). The clerk of the responding agency is required to maintain a copy of the response.*

*I understand that I must submit this signed response form and any attachments as follows:*

**First Step:** E-mail (word documents or scanned pdf file format) to:

- The Grand Jury Foreperson at: [grandjury@co.mendocino.ca.us](mailto:grandjury@co.mendocino.ca.us)

**Second Step:** Mail all originals to:

Mendocino County Grand Jury  
P.O. Box 939  
Ukiah, CA 95482

Printed Name: Richard Shoemaker

Title: Point Arena City Manager

Signed: 

Date: 6/6/16

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### **Responses to Findings**

F.1. – I disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered below, and have attached, as required, a statement specifying any portion of the Finding that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons:

Code Enforcement for construction and Health & Safety Code violations are handled the same as the County of Mendocino. When a building or planning code violation complaint is received or the City staff becomes aware of an issue, a contact with the owner is made by the City staff or a communication is made to the appropriate County office such as the County building inspector (under contract with the City) Environmental Health. When the City receives a communication from one of those agencies it cooperates fully.

F.2. – I disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered below, and have attached, as required, a statement specifying any portion of the Finding that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons:

The County of Mendocino may or may not be able to provide effective code enforcement for the City of Point Arena. Some discussions have occurred with the Planning Department of the County. Currently the Code Enforcement Department has a sizable backlog of cases that they are working to clear. At the point they get caught up and or put a revised process in place they may be able to serve Point Arena for Code Enforcement.

F.3. – I disagree wholly or partially with the Findings numbered below, and have attached, as required, a statement specifying any portion of the Finding that are disputed with an explanation of the reasons:

Certain City Councilmembers are not currently in direct violation of the City Muni code as suggested in the Grand Jury Report.

I have served as City Manager since October 1, 2016. During that time I have never experienced any sort of "protocol violations" in regard to any Councilmembers providing direction to City staff. I certainly have not felt pressured to do anything preferential or illegal.

## Responses to Recommendations

R.1. – The following Recommendation(s) have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, City Staff has meet with the County's coastal building inspectors as well as the Director of Planning and Building to establish a stronger line of communciation in regard building and planning code eforcement. The County currently has a case backlog of its own as it works towards souldtions will cooperate with Point Arena in working to solve both agency's code enforecement issues.

R.2. – The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, Can not be implmented because it isn't happening.

R.3. – The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, Will not be implemented due to no current councilmembers violating City Code.

R.4. – The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable,

R.5. – The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, Not implementable by the City. It is not under our control.



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