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July 22, 2025

The Honorable Timothy S. Healy, Presiding Judge  
Superior Court State of California  
P.O. Box 850  
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**RE: Board of Supervisors response to "Calaveras Health and Human Services Agency: Breaking the Cycle"  
Grand Jury Report**

Dear Honorable Judge Healy:

In accordance with California Penal Code sections §933 & §933.05, the County of Calaveras Board of Supervisors submits this response to the above referenced Grand Jury report dated June 2, 2025, which was received in the Office of the County Administrator on June 6, 2025. The Board wishes to thank the members of the Grand Jury for their professionalism and dedication to public service, which made this report possible.

**GRAND JURY FINDINGS FOR CALAVERAS COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Grand Jury Finding F1**

Calaveras Health and Human Services Agency's ability to respond quickly to community needs by applying for grants or securing contracts is negatively impacted by the current \$50,000 limit before requiring Board of Supervisors or State approval.

**County Response to Finding F1**

The County agrees with this finding. The County has flexibility on grant applications and has taken steps to increase departmental limits. However, California State law determines contracting limits.

**Grand Jury Recommendation R1**

The Calaveras County Civil Grand Jury recommends the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors and Health and Human Services Agency develop methods of improving accessibility for funding above \$50,000 by October 1, 2025.

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### ***County Response to Recommendation R1***

This recommendation has been implemented. On January 28, 2025, the Board of Supervisors adopted a new grant policy that allows Department Heads to approve grant applications for their departments up to \$100,000 and allows the County Executive Officer to approve applications up to \$500,000. This provides significantly more flexibility for departments to apply for grant opportunities.

### ***Grand Jury Finding F2***

Calaveras County does not have a dedicated emergency shelter which greatly limits the County's ability to provide emergency housing for residents in crisis.

### ***County Response to Finding F2***

The County partially agrees with this finding. The County does not have a dedicated emergency shelter. However, the County does provide emergency shelter for families with children, HHSA provides up to 16 days of shelter annually for low-income families with children through the Temporary Housing Assistance Program (THA). This service is provided in non-congregate sheltering (motel rooms throughout the county) rather than by operating an emergency shelter that may not be near where the children attend school or have childcare. Families unable to resolve housing needs within 16 days are referred to the County's housing stabilization programs that assist with longer term housing solutions. Over the last two years, 90 families with children have been provided emergency shelter through THA and during that same two-year period, 121 families with children participated in longer term housing stabilization programs. Housing stabilization programs provide interim housing with case management focusing on specific barriers to long term housing. The combination of THA and longer-term housing programs for families has proven to be highly successful in ending homelessness for families with children in Calaveras County.

### ***Grand Jury Recommendation R2a***

The Calaveras County Civil Grand Jury recommends the Board of Supervisors and Calaveras Health and Human Services Agency coordinate with local non-profits and other members of the Housing Resource Partnership to reevaluate the County's need for an emergency homeless shelter by October 1, 2025.

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### ***County Response to Recommendation R2a***

This recommendation has been implemented. The Housing Resource Partnership (HRP) which consists of members from the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) and local non-profits meets monthly to discuss the expansion of housing resources including evaluating the need for an emergency homeless shelter for people experiencing homelessness in Calaveras County. The County currently provides emergency shelter for families with children, HHSA provides up to 16 days of shelter annually for low-income families with children through the Temporary Housing Assistance Program (THA). This service is provided in non-congregate sheltering (motel rooms throughout the county) rather than by operating an emergency shelter that may not be near where the children attend school or have childcare. Families unable to resolve housing needs within 16 days are referred to our housing stabilization programs that assist with longer term housing solutions. Over the last two years, 90 families with children have been provided emergency shelter through THA and during that same two year period, 121 families with children participated in longer term housing stabilization programs. Housing stabilization programs provide interim housing with case management focusing on specific barriers to long term housing. The combination of THA and longer term housing programs for families has proven to be highly successful in ending homelessness for families with children in Calaveras County. The county has been able to meet the demand for housing our homeless families with children without a waiting list.

The Housing Resource Partnership will continue to evaluate the feasibility of a dedicated congregate emergency shelter to address the sheltering needs of Calaveras County's single adults that are not eligible for THA.

### ***Grand Jury Recommendation R2b***

The Calaveras County Civil Grand Jury recommends the Board of Supervisors and Calaveras Health and Human Services Agency coordinate with local non-profits and other members of the Housing Resource Partnership for the purpose of developing plans to mitigate the resident concerns that resulted in the cancelation of the 2019 emergency shelter plan by October 1, 2025.

### ***County Response to Recommendation R2b***

This recommendation has been partially implemented and will be fully implemented by January 31, 2026. HRP meets monthly with a membership that includes government agencies, community and faith-based organizations as well as local residents interested in addressing the county's housing needs.

The HRP is currently working on The Strategic Plan for Housing which when complete, will provide specific strategies for the Partnership to address community identified needs. The Strategic Plan for Housing is

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expected to be completed in November 2025 and presented to the Board of Supervisors in January 2026 for approval.

### **Grand Jury Finding F3**

With annual budgetary and resource allocations being based on Point-In-Time data collected on a single day of the year, County agencies are not able to accurately plan to accommodate the changes in the homeless population and their needs throughout the year.

### **County Response to Finding F3**

The County agrees with this finding.

### **Grand Jury Recommendation R3**

The Calaveras County Civil Grand Jury recommends the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors, with the assistance of Calaveras Health and Human Services Agency, develop supplemental data collection methods to compile a more accurate real-time count of the homeless population throughout the year by January 1, 2026.

### **County Response to Recommendation R3**

This recommendation has been implemented. As an action taken from our first Strategic Plan to End Homelessness, Calaveras County's HHSA set up the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) in 2020. HMIS is a database used throughout the State to collect real-time information on those facing homelessness. We were the first county in our Continuum of Care to add County housing programs data to this system so we could more accurately measure need and impact. While the data from both HMIS and PIT have minimal impact on funding for the homeless services the county provides, the data does provide better understanding of who we are serving, what services are needed, impact of services and how to best collaborate with our partners. We continue through our partnerships to expand and improve on our data collection using HMIS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin Huberty".

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