TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING AND COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT

DATE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO 2003-04 SANTA CLARA COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT, INQUIRY INTO THE BOARD STRUCTURE AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends that Council approve the attached response to the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury report on the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

DISCUSSION
On May 27, 2004 the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury issued a Final Report, entitled Inquiry into the Board Structure and Financial Management of the Valley Transportation Authority (Attachment A). On June 18, 2004, pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933(a), the Civil Grand Jury transmitted this report to the City of Palo Alto for comment. The Civil Grand Jury has requested that a formal response to its recommendations be filed within ninety (90) days, in accordance with Penal Code Section 933(c).

The draft Response to Grand Jury Report form is appended (Attachment B), as is a draft response letter to be signed by Mayor Beecham (Attachment C). The response of Commissioner Donald F. Gage, Chairperson of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Board of Directors, to the Civil Grand Jury is also appended (Attachment D).
ATTACHMENTS
C. Draft Letter from Mayor Beecham to the 2003-2004 Civil Grand Jury Foreperson.
D. Response to Civil Grand Jury Report by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA).

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