TO:         HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

FROM:      CITY MANAGER            DEPARTMENT:   POLICE

DATE:      SEPTEMBER 11, 2006    CMR:359:06

SUBJECT:   APPROVAL OF RESPONSE TO SANTA CLARA COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT ON REDUCING LANGUAGE BARRIERS IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CALLS

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that Council approve the attached response to the Santa Clara County Grand Jury report on reducing language barriers in domestic violence calls.

DISCUSSION

In June 2006, the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury transmitted its Final Report, Reducing Language Barriers in Domestic Violence Calls. California Penal Code Section 933(c) requires that the governing body of a public agency, which has been subject of a Grand Jury report, provide a response to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the findings and recommendations associated with the report within 90 days. The City has been assured that the late response is acceptable due to Council’s summer schedule. Staff has prepared the response and requests that the Council approve it according to the statute.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This response is consistent with City policy.

ATTACHMENTS

Grand Jury Final Report, Reducing Language Barriers in Domestic Violence Calls in Santa Clara County and Response to findings and recommendations.