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The Honorable Judge Paul Haakenson
Marin County Superior Court
PO Box 4988
San Rafael CA 94913-4988

Dear Judge Haakenson:

Enclosed please find a response from the City of Belvedere to the May 9, 2019, Marin County Grand Jury's report titled "Vaping: An Under-the-Radar Epidemic." This item was reviewed and considered by the Belvedere City Council at their July 8, 2019, regular meeting.

Please extend the City's appreciation to the 2019 Grand Jurors for the important work they do on behalf of all of the citizens of Marin County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Middleton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Craig Middleton
City Manager

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cc: Pat Randolph, Foreperson
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room #275
San Rafael, CA 94903

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FORM
City of Belvedere

Report Title: Vaping: An Under-the-Radar Epidemic
Report Date: May 9, 2019
Public Release: May 16, 2019
Response By: Bob McCaskill, Mayor of City of Belvedere

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendation numbered R5 will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.
- Recommendation numbered R8 has been implemented.

Date: 7/8/2019

Signed: 
Bob McCaskill, Mayor

Number of pages attached: 1

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- R5. All municipalities in the county that have not banned the sale of flavored tobacco products should do so within the next year.**

Response: The City of Belvedere supports the efforts to curtail vaping among Marin County's youth and agrees that a ban on flavored tobacco products would help address this. However there are currently no tobacco retailers in the City of Belvedere and it is unlikely there will be any potential retailers in the future. At this time, the City does not see the benefit of an ordinance change which would have no practical effect on the sale, or lack thereof, of flavored tobacco products in Belvedere.

- R8. All law enforcement agencies should coordinate the enforcement of sales bans on flavored tobacco.**

Response: The City of Belvedere Police Department supports Marin County law enforcement agencies in their efforts to enforce flavored tobacco sale bans. While there are no tobacco retailers within Belvedere city limits, the Police Department will continue to support other Marin departments with their enforcement activities when requested and as needed.