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The Honorable Judge Paul Haakenson
Marin County Superior Court
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Re: Response to the May 16, 2019 Civil Grand Jury Report titled *Vaping: An Under-the-Radar Epidemic*

Dear Judge Haakenson:

Enclosed please find the responses to the recommendations 6 and 8 from the City of Novato provided in the May 9, 2019 Marin County Civil Grand Jury report titled *Vaping: An Under-the-Radar Epidemic*. This item was reviewed and approved by the City of Novato Council at their December 17th, 2019 meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need additional information or clarification.

Sincerely,

Denise Athas
Mayor

Attachments (1)

Cc: Pat Randolph. Foreperson
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
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City of Novato Response to Grand Jury Report
2018-2019 Marin Civil Grand Jury Report “Vaping: An Under-the-Radar Epidemic”

The Marin County Civil Grand Jury provided the following recommendations:

R6. Novato and Fairfax should amend their tobacco ordinances to include menthol-flavored tobacco products.

Response: This recommendation requires further analysis. The City of Novato will consider an ordinance to implement this recommendation prohibiting the sale of menthol flavored products in early 2020. Discussion will occur to determine an appropriate timeframe for implementing such ordinance.

As the first City in Marin to issue a flavored tobacco product ban, we continue to strive to lead the charge against harmful use of tobacco products by youth and the harmful effects of secondhand smoke. The adoption of a complete flavor ban will bring us in line with other Marin Cities that have now implemented such ban.

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

Response: Marin County Sheriff primarily conducts the enforcement of sales bans within the City limits and coordinates with Novato Police Department, the Marin County Tobacco Related Disease Control Program and other agencies as appropriate. Additionally, Novato Police Department provides education at the school district level, focusing primarily on prevention youth access and consumption of tobacco and vape products. The recommendations provided by the Marin Civil Grand Jury will be implemented as appropriate.