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Honorable Kate Powell-Segerstrom
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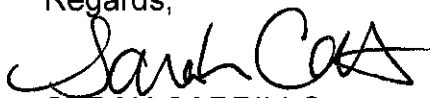
**Re: County Counsel Response to the 2017/18 Grand Jury Report Regarding the
Tuolumne County Economic Development Authority ("TCEDA")**

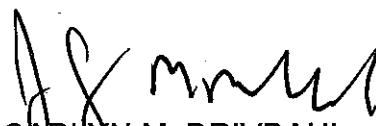
Dear Judge Powell-Segerstrom:

Please find County Counsel's response to the Grand Jury's request that this Office respond to Recommendation 5 in its 2017/18 Report regarding the TCEDA: "County Counsel review possible conflicts of interest for TCEDA Board members serving in various capacities on multiple boards."

Response: The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented by the end of the calendar year. This Office provides legal representation to the TCEDA and one of the deputy's has been assigned as the primary legal advisor to that entity. This Office is in the process of meeting with individual TCEDA Board members and staff to gather facts regarding potential conflicts of interest so that a detailed legal analysis may be completed. Once completed, this Office will advise the TCEDA Board of its recommendations. As with all other attorney-client privileged matters, the advice to the TCEDA Board regarding conflicts of interest will remain confidential. The role of counsel is to advise its client as to its legal opinion and make recommendations for action, but the client maintains the ultimate decision-making authority. This Office thoroughly reviews all conflicts of interest brought to its attention and accordingly, will exercise due diligence in its review of the matters raised by the Grand Jury.

Regards,


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