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## GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT



**2007-2008**

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To the Residents of the County of San Bernardino:

The 2007-2008 San Bernardino County Grand Jury is pleased to submit this Final Report, which is a compilation of investigations, inspections and research conducted during the past year. We are hopeful this report shall serve as an instructional resource to the residents of the County of San Bernardino by providing insight into County department practices and procedures.

The purpose of the Grand Jury is to investigate the operations of the departments, agencies and officers of the County of San Bernardino with the goal of developing constructive recommendations for improving and sustaining services. To accomplish this task, the Grand Jury divided into eight standing committees: Administrative, Audit/Fiscal, Economic Development, Law and Justice, Public and Support Services, Human Services, and Complaints. Each committee thoroughly studied the departments using various methodologies including: visiting government facilities, meeting with county government officials and employees, and reviewing relevant documents.

In order to facilitate our understanding of governmental departments and services, the Grand Jury invited 35 guest speakers involved in various roles in local government to provide meaningful and contemporary discussions. These speakers provided us with foundational information for our research. One critical example was a compelling presentation by the City of Los Angeles Ethics Commission which caused the Grand Jury to engage in various dialogues regarding the importance of creating an Ethics Commission for San Bernardino County. As reflected in our final report, the lack of formal controls for public official's discretionary options for expenditures of county funds raised serious concerns regarding appropriate oversight and accountability.

The nineteen members of the Grand Jury would like to thank former Presiding Judge Allen and current Presiding Judge McGuire for their support. Special thanks to our legal advisor Deputy District Attorney Charlie Umeda for his expertise and assistance throughout the year. Gratitude is also extended to our talented Grand Jury Assistant Melonee Vartanian for her diligence and attention to detail. Our sincere appreciation to the Board of Supervisors, County Administrative Officer, all Department administrators and county employees who provided us their time, expertise and knowledge during our interviews.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve in the capacity of foreperson of the San Bernardino Grand Jury, and my profound thanks to my fellow Grand Jury colleagues who consistently exemplified a tenacious dedication to service.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, written in a cursive style. The signature appears to read "Elizabeth Gwenn Perez". The signature is positioned to the right of the typed name.

ELIZABETH GWENN PEREZ

Foreperson

2007-2008 San Bernardino County Grand Jury

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