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Honorable John B. Ellis
Presiding Judge
County of Solano
Hall of Justice
600 Union Avenue
Fairfield, CA 94533

Dear Hon. Judge Ellis:

RE Response to Finding 2 – Solano County Grand Jury 2017-2018
Property Tax Assessment & Payment Processing Review

FINDING 2 – Solano County Integrated Property System (SCIPS) Replacement Project - SCIPS is an aging application using unsupported, outdated software with limited technical resources. Platform updates are expensive and disruptive. A multiyear replacement project has been authorized and a \$10 million reserve fund created. The vendor product currently recommended by the stakeholders is not fully in production in California. Delay in replacing the current system puts the County at operational and financial risk due to the dwindling viability of SCIPS.

I agree with the finding.

Recommendation 2 – County project team in the SCIPS replacement program continue to monitor the installation in Southern California. Based on results of that installation, the County's options be revised if necessary. Upon final system selection, it is imperative for the Solano County stakeholders to work together closely to implement the installation, testing, security and training on a new integrated property system for end users.

The recommendation has been implemented. As a Solano County elected department head stakeholder, the assessor division of the assessor / recorder department is working with the other stakeholders to implement the installation, testing, security and training on a new integrated property tax system.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc C. Tonnesen", written over a horizontal line.

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