September 7, 2018

Honorable Stephanie Hulsey
Judge of the Superior Court
240 Church Street
Salinas, CA 93901

Dear Judge Hulsey:

During its Council Meeting on September 6, 2018, the City Council adopted the following responses to the findings and recommendations in the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury Report titled “Who’s in Charge?”

Findings
The City Council agrees with all findings, except as noted below:

F5 – The City Council agrees with the finding generally, but does not agree with the language of the final sentence which may be interpreted as elected officials are purposefully avoiding responsibility for addressing homelessness.

F9 – The City Council agrees with the finding generally, but believes the word “governmental” should replace the word “political”.

F11 – The City Council agrees with the finding generally, but believes the words “new governing” should be replaced with “sufficiently authoritative and resourced”.

Recommendations

The City Council generally agrees with the recommendations, but notes most of the recommendations involve jurisdictions beyond the authority of the City Council. Recommendations #4 - #9 are particularly challenged by this jurisdictional issue and, thus, the recommendation cannot be implemented solely by the City of Seaside.

Recommendation 1 – The City of Seaside has created a Homeless Committee and is budgeting funds on an annual basis for homeless assistance, within budgetary limitations.

Recommendation 2 – The City Council generally agrees, and is prepared to lend support, pending further analysis of a specific proposal.
Recommendation 3 – The City Council generally agrees, and is prepared to lend support, pending further analysis of a specific proposal.

Recommendation 10 – The City Council generally agrees, and is prepared to lend support, pending further analysis of a specific proposal.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Ralph Rubio
Mayor