



CITY OF SAUSALITO

July 30th, 2024

The Honorable Judge Mark Talamantes
Marin County Superior Court
3501 Civic Center Drive
Room 275
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Honorable Judge Mark Talamantes:

At its regular meeting on July 30, 2024, the City Council of the City of Sausalito reviewed the report "Cyber Preparedness: Are We There Yet?" issued on May 17, 2024. The report requests a response from the City of Sausalito for findings F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, R1, and recommendations R1 and R6 (a) and (b).

Please see the attached response from the city.

If members of the Grand Jury require any additional information, please contact City Manager Chris Zapata at (415)-289-4100 or czapata@sausalito.gov

Sincerely,

Ian Sobieski
Mayor of the City of Sausalito



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**RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT FINDINGS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS**

REPORT TITLE: "Cyber Preparedness: Are We There Yet?"
REPORT DATE: May 17, 2024
RESPONSE BY: City of Sausalito

GRAND JURY FINDINGS

- We agree with the findings numbered: **F1, F2, F3, F4**
- We disagree with the findings numbered: **F5, F6**

GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered **R1** and **R6 (a) and (b)** has been implemented.

Date: _____

Signed: *Ian Sobieski*
Ian Sobieski (Aug 14, 2024 13:04 MDT)

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY FINDINGS

F1. Contracts for Information Technology, Information Systems, and Cybersecurity services between third-party providers and Marin County governmental agencies should contain a Business Continuity clause, or other language, protecting that agency from a sudden cessation of services provided by the third-party provider.

Response: Agree

F2. Marin County municipalities should have current, written contracts with third-party providers of Information Technology, Information Systems, and Cybersecurity services, and should not continue to use those providers' services without a current contract.

Response: Agree

F3. Membership in insurance risk pools provides the benefits of cybersecurity assessments and audits, which highlight cybersecurity deficiencies and make suggestions for improvement.

Response: Agree

F4. Having a completed, adopted and regularly updated cybersecurity plan helps ensure that all staff within a government agency are working together to optimize that organization's cyber preparedness and security.

Response: Agree

F5. Joint Powers Authorities in Marin County exist to provide more efficient and cost-effective services to the people of Marin.

Response: Disagree

Per California Government Code 6502, joint powers authorities are formed for a variety of purposes and can be formed to exercise any power common to the contracting governmental entities.

F6. The current County Collective Bargaining Agreements prevent the Marin County Department of Information Systems & Technology from unilaterally negotiating managed service agreements (outsourcing work to third parties).

Response: Disagree. The City of Sausalito has no authority over the County of Marin and has no role in the review and negotiation of the County's Collective Bargaining Agreements, and such agreements would not affect the City of Sausalito.

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS

The Marin County Civil Grand Jury recommends the following:

R1. Marin agencies should require a current (executed within the last five years), competitively-bid, written contract which includes business continuity language for any third-party Information Technology services they use.

This recommendation will be implemented. Following the expiration of the previous contract on June 30, 2024, the City of Sausalito contracted a third-party IT service that was competitively bid and included business continuity language in the contract.

R6. All Marin municipalities should:

- a) take all steps necessary to acquire an appropriate .gov or .ca.gov domain;**
- b) formulate and adopt a plan for rolling out a .gov or .ca.gov website and emails by the start of the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year**

The recommendation has already been implemented as of July 2017. The City of Sausalito has already implemented the .gov domain and implemented a comprehensive plan to transition its website and email systems to the new domain. The transition enhanced the security and credibility of the City's online presence.