

County of Fresno

Board of Supervisors

RESPONSE TO THE

2018-19

FRESNO COUNTY GRAND JURY

FINAL REPORT No. 2



FIRST FIVE FRESNO COUNTY

Please find below the Fresno County Board of Supervisors' response to the 2018-19 Grand Jury Final Report No. 2.

Findings:

F1. Not all available commission positions are filled.

F1: The Board of Supervisors agrees with the finding.

F2. Not all of the current commissioners meet the qualification criteria to be a commissioner as required by the Act.

F2: The Board of Supervisors disagrees wholly with the finding; current First 5 Commissioners meet the Membership criteria as set forth in Fresno County Ordinance Code §2.38.010, which complies with the State of California Health and Safety Code Section §130140.

F3. The conflict of interest ordinance (Fresno County Ordinance Code § 2.38.010.D.) enacted in 2014 is, in effect, in conflict with the Act in that it has excluded from the Commission the very people from the community that the Act expressly states are qualified to serve on the Commission.

F3: The Board of Supervisors disagrees wholly with the finding; Fresno County Ordinance Code §2.38.010(D) establishes eligibility to serve on the First 5 Commission pursuant to State of California Health and Safety Code Section §130140(a)(1)(B).

F4. First 5 Fresno appropriately and wisely used their tobacco funds and NMTC to facilitate the purchase of property and building of a facility in downtown Fresno to be used for day care, education, and medical care of children age 5 and under. First 5 Fresno is to be commended for being good stewards of their funds.

F4: The Board of Supervisors has no response.

Recommendations:

R1. Fresno County Board of Supervisors fill all available commission positions by December 31, 2019.

R1: Recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, contingent on eligibility and availability of interested candidates.

R2. Fresno County Board of Supervisors should review the qualifications of all current First 5 Fresno Commissioners in light of the requirements of the State mandated standard as codified by California Children and Families Act of 1998 by December 31, 2019.

R2: Recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted; current First 5 Commissioners meet the Membership criteria as set forth in Fresno County Ordinance Code §2.38.010, which complies with the State of California Health and Safety Code Section §130140.

R3. Fresno County Board of Supervisors should modify Fresno County Ordinances Code § 2.38.010.D., the conflict of interest ordinance, to conform to the Act and County of Fresno Administrative Policy No. 1 by December 31, 2019.

R3: Recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted; Fresno County Ordinance Code §2.38.010(D) establishes eligibility to serve on the First 5 Commission pursuant to State of California Health and Safety Code Section §130140(a)(1)(B). However, the County will review the Ordinance for potential expansion of membership eligibility.