



## City of Clearlake

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September 15, 2022

Honorable Michael S. Lunas  
Presiding Judge  
Superior Court of California, County of Lake  
255 N. Forbes Street  
Lakeport, CA 95453

Dear Judge Lunas:

### **RE: RESPONSE TO THE 2021-2022 LAKE COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT "NOT YOUR GRANPA'S DUMP"**

The Lake County Civil Grand Jury released a report on garbage and recycling as part of its 2021-2022 report. This Grand Jury's recommendations required the Clearlake City Council respond to recommendation #3 (R3).

Findings – The Clearlake City Council agrees with Findings #1-15.

Recommendation – R3: Will not be implemented.

- *That the Clearlake City Council formulate ordinances requiring any retail businesses that sell plastic bottles also to redeem them, including possibly using reverse vending machines, as a condition of their business license.*
- While the City Council appreciates the thoughtful review of garbage and recycling in Lake County this is not a feasible solution. We do believe in local solutions, but this is one that conflicts too much with state programs administered by CalRecycle. The State of California needs to be part of the solution and solve this California wide problem, rather than the City forcing a haphazard solution on the backs of our local businesses.

We would like to thank the Grand Jury for your efforts in completing this report and your recommendations.

Sincerely,

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Dirk Slooten, Mayor