August 1, 2016

The Honorable John K. Stewart
Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco
400 McAllister Street, Room 008
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Controller’s Office response to the 2015-16 Civil Grand Jury Report entitled “San Francisco’s Crime Lab: Promoting Confidence and Building Credibility”

Dear Judge Stewart:

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 933 and 933.05, the following is in response to the Civil Grand Jury report issued on June 1, 2016.

Recommendation # R.A.2: The Mayor should direct, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) should approve, and the Controller should facilitate a transfer of budget, facilities, assets, personnel, and management of the Crime Lab from the SFPD to the General Services Agency, Department of Administrative Services.

Controller’s Response:
The recommendation will not be implemented. As written by the Civil Grand Jury, the recommendation depends on the Mayor and the Board to implement a policy decision in order for the Controller to facilitate the transfer of budget relating to facilities, assets, personnel and management of the Crime Lab to GSA. In accordance with the Mayor’s response, the Controller is unable to implement this recommendation at this time. However, following action taken by the Mayor and the Board, the Controller’s Office will timely ensure the budgetary and accounting transactions necessary to implement this policy decision.

If you have any questions about this response, please contact Deputy Controller Todd Rydstrom or me at 415-554-7500.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Rosenfield
Controller

cc: Todd Rydstrom, Deputy Controller, City and County of San Francisco
    Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, City and County of San Francisco