



# CITY OF BLUE LAKE

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Humboldt County Grand Jury  
825 Fifth St  
Eureka CA 95501

The following represents the City of Blue Lake's response to the Grand Jury Report 2011- PW-01:

**Recommendation 1:** Provide greater education opportunities in the school system through community service and fraternal organization involvement.

**Response to Recommendation 1:** The City previously responded that the Blue Lake Family Resource Center conducts an annual bike safety event. We have shared this report with the Blue Lake School and with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

**Recommendation 2:** Establish an incentive program involving local law enforcement throughout Humboldt County encouraging safe bicycling by our youth to establish safe habits they can carry on in to their adulthood.

**Response to Recommendation 2:** While the City of Blue Lake supports efforts to encourage bicycle safety awareness, establishing such an incentive program cannot be undertaken due to a lack of funding. Additionally, Blue Lake contracts for law enforcement services with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department and defers to that entity for law enforcement-related programs.

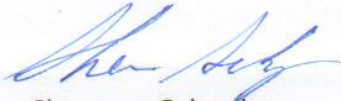
**Recommendation 3:** Encourage the fast-tracking of infrastructure improvements to make safe routes to schools and throughout individual communities safer for biking.

**Response to Recommendation 3:** The City of Blue Lake, through its contracted Engineer, will aggressively seek funding for bicycle related infrastructure improvements as opportunities become available. Safe Route to Schools grant funding is a possible resource. In addition, the City is embarking upon the creation of a City Strategic Plan. This will likely include discussion/consideration of pedestrian, bicycle and trail improvements. Likewise, the Blue Lake Planning Commission is currently reviewing its traffic circulation plan which includes all modes of transportation, including bicycles.

**Recommendation 4:** Law enforcement agencies throughout Humboldt County should re-evaluate how bicycling laws are enforced.

**Response to Recommendation 4:** The City of Blue Lake contracts for its law enforcement services with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department and defers to that entity for enforcement of bicycle laws.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sher Schapiro", written in a cursive style.

Sherman Schapiro  
Mayor