Civil Grand Jury Report, Sample Public Comments

How to Use These Samples

Use one of these samples as a starting point, adapt it, or write in your own words. Send your comment to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors and Public Works Agency. Send a courtesy copy to the Civil Grand Jury by mail or fax. Consider sending the same comment, or a shorter version, to local news outlets. County submissions may become part of the public record. Media outlets set their own length and verification requirements.

Sample 1 — Accountability

To the Ventura County Board of Supervisors and Public Works Agency:

I am responding to the Ventura County Civil Grand Jury report, *Giant Reed, Giant Problem: Arundo in Ventura County*, dated June 25, 2026. I live in Leisure Village. Many of my elderly neighbors face mobility issues that raise risks during a wildfire, flood, or evacuation.

The Grand Jury report poses a basic accountability question for the County. Who is responsible for fixing the remaining problems, and when will the work be done?

The five-acre removal project is welcome and appreciated. However, too much Arundo remains. We need to know what is being done about the remaining hazard.

We also need assurance that the creek's flood capacity is being evaluated and that any identified reduction is being corrected. The coming El Niño could well pose an elevated risk of flooding for us.

Other creekside communities in the County may face similar hazards.

We need clear responsibility, clear deadlines, and regular reports on actual progress.

Sincerely,

[RESIDENT NAME]
[ADDRESS]
[EMAIL OR PHONE]

Sample 2 — Safety

To the Ventura County Board of Supervisors and Public Works Agency:

I am writing about the Ventura County Civil Grand Jury report, *Giant Reed, Giant Problem: Arundo in Ventura County*, of June 25, 2026. I live in Leisure Village. Many of my neighbors are especially vulnerable during wildfires, floods, and evacuations.

My main concern is safety.

A significant Arundo infestation remains near our community. We need the wildfire hazard removed for our safety and to preserve our property values.

We are also concerned about the creek's flood capacity. The coming El Niño could well pose an elevated risk of flooding.

The five-acre removal project is an important step, but it does not resolve these concerns.

We need to know what work remains, who is responsible for it, and when it will be finished.

Other communities near Ventura County creeks may face similar risks. They need protection too.

Sincerely,

[RESIDENT NAME]
[ADDRESS]
[EMAIL OR PHONE]

Sample 3 — Responsiveness

To the Ventura County Board of Supervisors and Public Works Agency:

I want to comment on the Ventura County Civil Grand Jury report, *Giant Reed, Giant Problem: Arundo in Ventura County*, dated June 25, 2026. I live in Leisure Village. Many elders living here are especially vulnerable during wildfires, floods, and evacuations.

I appreciate the five-acre Arundo-removal project beside our community. It shows that progress is possible.

Now we need to know what comes next.

The coming El Niño makes those answers more important. We need assurance that the creek's flood capacity is being evaluated and that any identified reduction is being corrected.

We also need to know how the remaining Arundo and wildfire risk will be addressed.

Please tell us what is being done, what remains to be done, who is responsible, and when the work will be completed.

Other creekside communities may be asking the same questions. They deserve clear answers too.

Timely information and visible progress would give us confidence that these concerns are being addressed.

Sincerely,

[RESIDENT NAME]
[ADDRESS]
[EMAIL OR PHONE]

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Social Media Influencers and Community Channels

These already-listed local channels can also be used to share a personal comment, a shorter version, or a link to the Grand Jury report. Check group or page rules before posting, and use your own words.

Facebook

Anonymous Mommy: https://www.facebook.com/a.anonymous.mommy/
Conejo Valley, California: https://www.facebook.com/groups/173700550112698/
Conejo Valley Community Spotlight:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/ConejoValleyCommunitySpotlight/
Conejo Valley Spotlight: https://www.facebook.com/conejovalleyspotlight/
MOMS of Conejo Valley: https://www.facebook.com/groups/MOMSofConejo/
VC Star Community News: https://www.facebook.com/groups/VenturaCountyNews/
WE LOVE CAMARILLO: https://www.facebook.com/groups/766823870360152/

Instagram

Anonymous Mommy: https://www.instagram.com/anonymousmommy/
Conejo Valley Guide: https://www.instagram.com/conejovalleyguide/
Conejo Valley Magazine / Lifestyle: https://www.instagram.com/conejovalleymagazine/
Conejo Valley Spotlight: https://www.instagram.com/conejovalleyspotlight/

Other Channels

Nextdoor neighborhood posts
TikTok short local videos