



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

AUDITOR - CONTROLLER • TREASURER - TAX COLLECTOR

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**Whistleblower Hotline Report
As of December 31, 2017**

The San Luis Obispo County Whistleblower Hotline was established in November 2013 to provide a mechanism by which employees and citizens may contribute to the accountability, transparency, and responsibility of the County by reporting financial fraud, waste, and abuse. From the hotline's inception in November 2013 through December 31, 2017 the Whistleblower Hotline received 115 reports.

The Whistleblower Hotline includes a toll-free hotline number (855-326-9623) and website (reportlineweb.com/sanluisobispo) which are accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and are administered by an independent hotline provider. Reports may be submitted anonymously.

Reports received are reviewed by the County's Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector and the Internal Auditor Manager in conjunction with County Counsel, Human Resources, and Department Heads, as appropriate.

7 complaints were received in the Fiscal Year 2017-18 2nd quarter ending December 31, 2017.

The 2nd quarter reports received related to the following categories:

- Employee Misconduct (3)
- Safety/Sanitation (2)
- Non-County Operations (2)

The disposition of the five County-related cases includes:

- Four were referred to the Department Heads
- One was referred to County Counsel

The San Luis Obispo County Whistleblower Program improves controls and promotes accountability and oversight throughout the County through the identification of potential fraud, waste, and abuse.