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## **Whistleblower Hotline Report As of September 30, 2023**

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 oversight of the County by reporting suspected financial fraud, waste, and abuse. From inception in November 2013 through September 30, 2023, the Whistleblower Hotline received 324 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 Audit Division in conjunction with County Counsel, Human Resources, and Department Heads, as appropriate.

Eight reports were received in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of Fiscal Year 2023-24, ending September 30, 2023.

The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter reports received related to the following categories:

- Violation of Federal, State, City, or County Regulation (2)
- Safety/Sanitation (2)
- Theft/Waste/Mismanagement (3)
- Misconduct (1)

The disposition of the cases includes:

- One was referred to the Human Resources Department.
- One was referred to a Department Head.
- One was referred to an outside agency.
- One is pending.
- Four had insufficient information to investigate.

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. The Whistleblower Program contributes to the County's vision of a well-governed community.