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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRE CHIEF

July 7, 2022

The Honorable Erick L. Larsh
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Orange County Grand Jury
700 Civic Center Dr. W.
Santa Ana, California 92701

Subject: Request for Extension for the City of Costa Mesa to Respond to OC Grand Jury Report "Where's the Fire? Stop Sending Fire Trucks To Medical Calls"

Dear Judge Larsh:

The City of Costa Mesa is respectfully requesting an extension of the deadline for the City Council's and the Costa Mesa Fire and Rescue Department's (CMFR) responses to the Grand Jury report entitled "Where's The Fire? Stop Sending Fire Trucks to Medical Calls" (Report) to November 18, 2022.

CMFR has received the Grand Jury's transmittal letter and Report stating that the City Council must provide a response to the recommendations by August 18, 2022, and requesting that CMFR provide a response to the following recommendations of the Report by July 20, 2022:

- F-1
- F-3
- F-4
- F-5
- F-9
- R-1
- R-4
- R-5

As of the date of this request, City Council itself has apparently not received a copy of the letter and Report. Nevertheless, the City respectfully requests an extension of time to respond to the Report. This request for extension applies to all Findings and Recommendations for both the City Council and CMFR.

The City Council and CMFR will not have the opportunity to adequately review and discuss the Report at the length it desires to provide a response by August 18, 2022 and July 20, 2022, respectively. Under Penal Code section 933.05(b)(3), the City Council and CMFR require further analysis on the Report to provide a useful response. City staff plan to review and analyze the Report over the coming months. The City Council's review and approval of the report will require noticed public meetings.

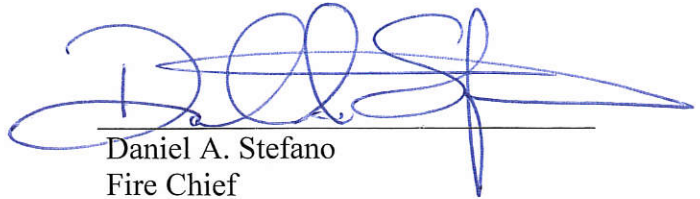
Accordingly, the City is respectfully requesting that Your Honor extend the deadlines to Monday, November 18, 2022. This will provide both the City Council and CMFR the appropriate amount of time to discuss and provide a robust response to the Findings and Recommendations, in a manner consistent with the Brown Act.

Thank you for your consideration of the City's request for an extension. Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can provide any further information.

Respectfully,



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