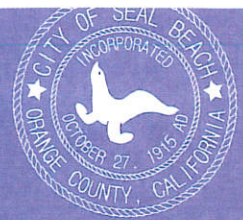


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August 8, 2022

The Honorable Erick L. Larsh,  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, California, 92701

Orange County Grand Jury  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, California, 92701

Dear Honorable Judge, E. Larsh:

Please find the enclosed City of Seal Beach, California, responses to the 2021-2022 Orange County Grand Jury report, ***How is Orange County Addressing Homelessness?*** In compliance with *Penal Code 933.05(a)(b)*, and based on the information provided to us on behalf of the Orange County Grand Jury, we have completed the attached responses for your review.

If any further information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me at the below listed information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Kalmick".

Joe Kalmick, Mayor  
City of Seal Beach  
211 – 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Seal Beach, California, 90740

Enclosures: Grand Jury Report  
Penal Code 933, 933.05

Cc: Orange County Grand Jury

<b>90 Day Response Required</b>	<b>F1</b>	<b>F2</b>	<b>F3</b>	<b>F4</b>	<b>F5</b>	<b>F6</b>
Seal Beach			X	X		
<b>90 Day Response Required</b>	<b>R1</b>	<b>R2</b>	<b>R3</b>	<b>R4</b>	<b>R5</b>	<b>R6</b>
Seal Beach				X	X	X

F3: The County of Orange and cities within Orange County have been inconsistent in the collaboration for support of shelters and services, which has resulted in missed opportunities to end homelessness.

**RESPONSE:**

- (a) The City of Seal Beach agrees with this finding.
- (b) The recommendation has been implemented, see summary below:

The City of Seal Beach is currently working with the Orange County Health Care Agency, who staffs a PERT (Psychiatric Emergency Response Team) and Crisis Assessment Team (CAT) clinician to provide in-person services one day a week based out of the Seal Beach Police Department. The PERT clinicians also respond in the field when called. However, the PERT clinicians are not always timely due to other calls for service and thus unable to meet with the subject experiencing homelessness, resulting in a missed opportunity to assist. One of the biggest issues in assisting those experiencing homelessness is their willingness to seek assistance and our ability to get resources to them in a timely manner. In some cases, the resources are unable to locate the subject(s) seeking assistance after they move from city to city. Additionally, the City of Seal Beach collaborates well with the Orange County “Outreach and Engagement” team who can assist those who are requesting housing; however, they lack the proper paperwork or documentation to receive the funding.

**TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION:** Ongoing and will report annually by March 31, 2023.

F4: There are an insufficient number of rental units available to those exiting Emergency Shelters, resulting in the majority returning to homelessness when leaving the shelters.

**RESPONSE:**

- (a) The City of Seal Beach agrees with these findings.
- (b) The recommendation has been implemented, see summary below:

The City of Seal Beach agrees with these findings. Currently the City of Seal Beach does not have a shelter for those who are experiencing homelessness, so our interaction with people exiting the shelters is very minimal. However, we do have contact with people

experiencing homelessness whom we have placed in temporary shelters, then were found back out on the street's days later due to the lack of affordable housing within the state of California. Additionally, due to our location being within a proximity of the City of Long Beach and the Long Beach Veterans Affairs Hospital, we often work with them for housing when people are located on the street due to lack of affordable housing.

**TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION:** Ongoing and will review/report annually by March 31, 2023.

R4: By July 1, 2024, the County of Orange and cities within Orange County should collaborate to open facilities that can house people with severe and persistent mental illness and addiction issues in a secure setting. (F2)

**RESPONSE:**

- (a) The City of Seal Beach agrees with these findings.
- (b) The recommendation has been implemented, see summary below:

The City of Seal Beach uses Yale Navigation Center, a county resource for those experiencing homelessness. Yale Navigation Center also offers additional resources for people who suffer from mental illness or addiction issues. The City of Seal Beach receives daily notifications of open beds at this facility and has been able to place people experiencing homelessness in this facility, who have then received additional resources for either (sometimes both) mental illness and addiction issues. The City of Seal Beach also uses the Orange County resource Mental Health and Recovery Services (MHRS), which can provide resources for homelessness, mental illness, addiction issues, veteran services, and outpatient treatment. An additional resource is "Be Well" in the City of Orange, California, and is an option for people with substance abuse and/or mental illness issues who are willing to seek help.

As a bordering city to Los Angeles County, the City of Seal Beach works with the City of Long Beach and a number of Los Angeles County resources to offer housing and treatment for those on the L.A. and O.C. County borders, who are experiencing homelessness. This has been a successful partnership which has resulted in an appropriate use of resources when dealing with encampments that are near all of our countywide and municipal borders. Finally, if the person experiencing homelessness is a veteran, the City of Seal Beach will work with the Veteran Affairs within the Long Beach Healthcare System to assist with housing and other resources for those who qualify.

**TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION:** Completed.

R5: By July 1, 2023, the County of Orange, cities within Orange County and CoC should collaborate to encourage the development of housing affordable to individuals exiting the emergency shelters in Orange County. (F3, F4, F5)

**RESPONSE:**

- (a) The City of Seal Beach agrees with these findings.
- (b) The recommendation has been implemented, see summary below:

The City recognizes that limited affordable housing production has taken place and is in the process of modifying housing policies and resources. Because virtually no vacant sites exist within the city, a zoning amendment is currently underway to increase residential densities in portions of the city, and up-zone several commercial-only sites into mixed use zones to accommodate multi-family development. By increasing allowable densities, development becomes more economical, which helps to stabilize rent levels. Earlier this year, the City Council took action to join the Orange County Housing Finance Trust. As a member agency, developers in Seal Beach seeking to build affordable units will have access to grant funds through the Trust. Staff has engaged with local non-profit developers to identify other constraints that could be eased through policy changes and potentially incentivize development of affordable units. Staff collaborates with the Orange County Housing Authority at quarterly meetings to discuss opportunities to increase affordable housing, including expansion of the housing choice voucher program. Staff is also engaged with efforts through Southern California Association of Governments and the Orange County Council of Governments who are leveraging state funds to develop objective design standards that streamline multi-family permitting processes, and to create an accessory dwelling unit toolkit that will simplify the ADU process for homeowners.

**TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION:** Ongoing and will review/report annually by March 31, 2023.

R6: By December 1, 2022, the County of Orange, within Orange County and CoC should collaborate to increase the number of housing opportunities for Transitional Aged Youth. (F6).

- (a) The City of Seal Beach agrees with these findings.
- (b) The recommendation has been implemented, see summary below:

This recommendation has already been implemented. The City of Seal Beach has a positive working relationship with the Orange County Health Care Agency and the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to offer resources, which include housing for Transitional Aged Youths (TAY). Currently, the City of Seal Beach has little to no

contact with individuals who meet within these parameters. However, when we do, we can access resources either in Orange County or Los Angeles County to assist them with whatever needs they may have. Additionally, the City of Seal Beach works with CASA Youth Shelter (Los Alamitos) and Waymakers (Huntington Beach) for our youth who are experiencing homelessness or those in need of temporary housing based on emergency familial situations.

**TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION:** Completed.

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