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

RE: City of Cypress Response to 2021-2022 Orange County Grand Jury report, ***How is Orange County Addressing Homelessness?***

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

Agree. Twelve North Service Planning Area (NSPA) cities and the County created navigation centers to provide shelter and comprehensive wraparound services as part of a settlement agreement between the County and homeless advocates. The State must provide more leadership and resources to support model efforts like the navigation centers and County-CoC-city partnerships that provide shelters and services to better address homelessness,.

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 shelter.

Agree. Additional housing for those exiting Emergency Shelters must be supported by case management/wraparound services to help retain permanent housing.

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

Implemented. Working through the Orange County Housing Finance Trust, the County and cities are financing or building 1,273 permanent supportive housing units and have a targets of 2,700 new supportive housing units by 2025. The County and cities are committed to developing permanent supportive housing and affordable housing through this ongoing, collaborative effort.

R5 By July 2023, the County of Orange, cities and CoC should collaborate to encourage the development of housing affordable to individuals exiting the emergency shelters in Orange County.

Implemented. The County, cities and the Orange County Continuum of Care are working together to encourage affordable housing development and permanent supportive housing, including housing for those exiting emergency shelters. More than 2,600 affordable and supportive housing units are complete, under construction or in progress of funding throughout Orange County. Public housing authorities in Orange County, Santa Ana, Garden Grove and Anaheim are working together to support the Emergency Housing Voucher program, which will provide 1,041 special purpose vouchers for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. The County and cities worked with developers to identify sites that may be eligible for the State's Homekey Program, which awarded more than \$50 million for five motel conversions that will provide 252 units of permanent supportive housing.

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

Implemented. Since June 2020, County's Office of Care Coordination has worked to improve the homeless service delivery for transitional aged youth experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. The County oversees the Coordinated Entry System, which prioritizes housing for transitional aged youth, and recently applied to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program to reduce the number of transitional aged youths experiencing homelessness through a coordinated community approach.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Grant", written in a cursive style.

Peter Grant
City Manager