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Honorable Erick L. Larsh  
Presiding Judge  
Superior Court of California, County of Orange  
700 Civic Center West  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

**Re: Response to the 2021-2022 Orange County Grand Jury report, *How is Orange County Addressing Homelessness?***

Dear Presiding Judge Larsh:

On behalf of the City of Brea, this letter is in response to a request from the Orange County Grand Jury (OCGJ) in a letter dated September 22, 2022, regarding a report titled *How is Orange County Addressing Homelessness*. Specifically, the OCGJ requested that for each of the three Recommendations (R4, R5, and R6), the City selects an appropriate penal Code response and, if required, includes either a timeframe or an explanation.

The City of Brea would like to express regret for this oversight and inconvenience and has updated its responses, as requested, for R4, R5, and R6 below.

**RESPONSES TO RECOMMENDATIONS R4, R5, AND R6:**

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

**Response:** The recommendation has been implemented.

The City of Brea, through its collaborative effort, with three cities in north Orange County (Anaheim, Fullerton, and La Habra), contributed a combined \$1.3 million to help the development of Bridges at Kraemer Place, a 200-bed facility. An element of this secure site offers medical treatment, including mental and behavioral health services, to people with severe and persistent mental illness and addiction issues.

Additionally, since January 2021, the City of Brea as a member of the North Orange County Service Planning Area (NSPA), has afforded services offered by the Orange campus of Be Well OC that provides comprehensive mental health services and addiction treatment to those who want help to heal and recover.

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**R5:** By July 1, 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.

**Response:** The recommendation has been implemented.

Since August 2020, the City of Brea has been a paragon for the collaborative model in the development of affordable housing and has inspired other cities to participate in the second round of Homekey funding opportunities. Dedicated staff from the City of Brea, County, and community-based organizations created a new model of unified responsibility with a single-entry point for communication, coordination of tasks, and integration of disparate data to obtain State funding to produce permanent supportive housing units.

**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.

**Response:** The recommendation has been implemented.

Currently, through its participation in the North Orange County Public Safety Collaborative as its fiscal agent, the City of Brea funds community-based organizations such as HIS-OC that operates 8 male beds for Transitional Aged Youth.

Thank you for allowing the City of Brea an opportunity to clarify and update its responses to Recommendations 4, 5, and 6. Brea values the Grand Jury's report, *How is Orange County Addressing Homelessness*, and appreciates the work being done on behalf of the community. Should you have any questions, please contact City Manager Bill Gallardo at (714) 990-7711 or by email at [billga@cityofbrea.net](mailto:billga@cityofbrea.net).

Sincerely,



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cc: Brea City Council