ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



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VIA US MAIL

The Honorable Glenda Sanders Presiding Judge Orange County Superior Court 700 Civic Center Drive West Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re:

Anaheim Union High School District's Response to 2013-14 Orange County Grand Jury Report, "School Bonds – The Untold Story of Assessed Values"

To the Honorable Glenda Sanders:

In accordance with California Penal Code section 933.05, the Orange County Grand Jury has requested that the Anaheim Union High School District ("District") respond to Recommendation 1 in the 2013-14 Orange County Grand Jury Report entitled, "School Bonds – The Untold Story of Assessed Values."

Recommendation 1: All school districts in Orange County should include a clear explanation of the assumed future growth rate of assessed values in the bond election materials made available to voters for future bond issues. This explanation should reference the *relevant* historical assessed value data for the individual district. For instance, if the district is fundamentally built out, the historical assessed value data should not include years with significant development because that is not indicative of the district's current and future situation.

Response to Recommendation 1: The Anaheim Union High School District partially disagrees with this recommendation. The Anaheim Union High School District agrees that a clear explanation of the assumed future growth rate of assessed values in bond election materials made available to voters is a good recommendation for school districts. The Anaheim Union High School District also agrees that the explanation should reference relevant historical assessed value data for the individual district. However, the Anaheim Union High School District cannot determine if there is a factual basis for the remainder of the recommendation.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely.

Jeffrey J. Riel, District Counsel

cc: Orange County Grand Jury