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November 17, 2014

The Honorable Glenda Sanders Presiding Judge of the Superior Court 700 Civic Drive West Santa Ana. CA 92701

RE:

"Orange County City Pension Liabilities - Budget Transparency

Critically Needed"

Dear Judge Sanders:

The City of Westminster has reviewed the 2013-14 Orange County Grand Jury Report: "Orange County City Pension Liabilities – Budget Transparency Critically Needed." We understand the impact and implications of the report and desire to respond accordingly.

The City of Westminster has reduced staffing levels considerably over the last several years in direct response to a severe budget gap. In an effort to responsibly constrain expenditures while still providing essential services to our residents, numerous full-time positions were eliminated. The Finance and Human Resources Divisions were acutely impacted by this staffing reduction.

To that end, Staff has been working on a response to the various findings and recommendations in the referenced Grand Jury report. We are in receipt of a fax dated October 27, 2014 from Nindy Mahar reminding us of the deadline and the fact that our response has not been received.

I apologize for not requesting an extension sooner and realize the importance of responding to this important and timely report. The City of Westminster would like to request an extension until December 31, 2014 in order to finalize a response to the report.

Thank you for your understanding of this request and again, my sincere apologies for failing to respond by the August 25 deadline.

Sincerely

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