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The Honorable Glenda Sanders
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
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Dear Judge Sanders:

Please accept this letter as the City of Fountain Valley's response to the Orange County Grand Jury's report entitled, *Orange County Animal Shelter: The Facility, the Function, the Future*. As you know, the Grand Jury requested a response from each of the 18 contract cities regarding Recommendation #4:

"The 18 contracting cities need to review their long-term commitment to be part of the Orange County Animal Care as opposed to pursuing animal care opportunities on their own or joining with neighboring cities that have shelters. The contracting cities need to demand that the County provide them with a viable plan with cost and schedule estimates for a new facility or facilities to evaluate as part of their commitment review."

In accordance with Penal Code § 933, the City's response to this recommendation comes under the following heading: "The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation therefore."

The City of Fountain Valley is committed to the welfare of all animal life within our boundaries, especially those pets that are either separated from their owners or otherwise come under the protection of the Orange County Animal Shelter. In the past, the City has investigated the feasibility of partnering with other cities for the provision of animal control services. While the City has not to date taken formal steps in solidifying any potential partnerships, the City respectfully believes that it should maintain the right to investigate and develop agreements with other cities that could provide quality animal control services.

Recently, the County informed the City that its contract agency cost share would increase significantly in the coming fiscal year. Like any public agency, the City understands the County's need to pass along increases related to the cost of doing

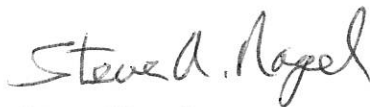
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business. Unfortunately, as one of 18 contract cities, the City of Fountain Valley has little or no influence as it relates to improving neither the effectiveness nor the efficiency of the of the Orange County Animal Control.

Investigating and even establishing partnerships with cities to provide animal control services would also provide the City with the opportunity to have more significant control over the mission, strategic objectives, and costs related to this important public service.

The City agrees with the Grand Jury that the County should provide a viable plan with cost and schedule estimates for new facility or facilities. Such a plan would certainly go a long way to provide contract cities the ability to make strategic decisions and create an environment that encourages a long-term commitment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Nagel". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Steve Nagel
Mayor of Fountain Valley