



CITY OF RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA

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

Dear Judge Sanders:

This letter is in response to the 2014-15 Orange County Grand Jury Report entitled "*The Orange County Animal Shelter: the Facility, the Function, the Future*". The City Council has reviewed the content of the report, and, on July 8, 2015, authorized the following response. The Report required that the City of Rancho Santa Margarita respond to Recommendation R-4.

Recommendation 4 (R4): The 18 contracting cities need to review their long-term commitment to be part of 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 a viable plan with cost and schedule estimates for a new facility or facilities to evaluate as part of their commitment review.

Response: The City has and will continue to review and evaluate its long-term commitment to Orange County Animal Care as its service provider for animal sheltering and field service. Prior to any decision being made to participate financially in the construction of a new facility or facilities, the City will request information from the County related to cost and schedule estimates.

In the interim, the City will continue to explore feasible, cost effective options as opposed to any further commitment to remain associated with the Orange County Animal Care.

Thank you for the Grand Jury's vigilance in maintaining open and transparent government; we appreciate the opportunity to respond to this Report.

Sincerely,

Bradley J. McGirr
Mayor