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

**RE: California Penal Code Section 933 Response to the Orange County Grand Jury Report,
"The Orange County Animal Shelter: The Facility, The Function, The Future"**

Dear Judge Sanders:

As requested by the Orange County Grand Jury letter dated May 13, 2015, the City of Laguna Hills is responding to Recommendation No. 4 of the Grand Jury Report entitled: "The Orange County Animal Shelter: The Facility, The Function, The Future."

GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS

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. (F-4)

Response:

The R4 recommendation will not be implemented because it is not reasonable, as phrased. Instead, the City intends to join with neighboring cities that currently contract with OC Animal Care Services to pursue potential animal care opportunities. In addition, the City will ask that the County provide a viable plan with cost and schedule estimates for a new facility or facilities to evaluate as part of their review of alternative animal care opportunities.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Donald J. White, Assistant City Manager, at (949) 707-2610.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dore J. Gilbert, M.D.
Mayor

c: Paul S. Borzick
Foreman, 2014-15 Orange County Grand Jury
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