



CITY OF ANAHEIM
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August 5, 2015

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

Subject: 2014-2015 Orange County Grand Jury Report, "The Orange County Animal Shelter: the Facility, the Function, the Future"

Honorable Judge Sanders:

As the Mayor of the City of Anaheim, I am pleased to respond on behalf of the City to the 2014-2015 Orange County Grand Jury Report, "The Orange County City Animal Shelter: the Facility, the Function, the Future." The responses contained in this letter have been approved by the Anaheim City Council. The City's response addresses the Orange County Grand Jury Report's recommendation relevant to it in accordance with the California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05.

Recommendation

R.4. 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)

Part One Response: The City of Anaheim has implemented this recommendation related to the review of its long-term commitment to be part of the Orange County Animal Care and just approved the most recent Notice of Intent from the County for animal care services.

Part Two Response: The City of Anaheim respectfully declines to implement a demand to the County related to a new facility or facilities as it is not warranted. Anaheim continues to collaborate with the County and partner as one of the leaders in this inevitable project.

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I would like to express my appreciation for the efforts of the Orange County Grand Jury. The City is committed to ensuring our citizens who own animals have the best care and service available. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact David Belmer, Planning Director, at (714) 765-5010 or dbelmer@anaheim.net.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Tait", written in a cursive style.

Tom Tait
Mayor

Cc: Orange County Grand Jury
City Clerk, City of Anaheim