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

**SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
CONTAINED IN THE REPORT, *THE ORANGE COUNTY ANIMAL
SHELTER: THE FACILITY, THE FUNCTION, THE FUTURE.***

Dear Honorable Judge Sanders:

The City of Cypress is in receipt of the 2014-2015 Orange County Grand Jury report, ***The Orange County Animal Shelter: the Facility, the Function, the Future***. The City has reviewed the document and is hereby responding to Recommendation **R-4** in accordance with California Penal Code Section 933.05 (a) and (b).

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).

The City agrees with the Grand Jury's findings regarding the need for improvements and/or construction of a new Animal Shelter by Orange County Animal Care. It is the City of Cypress' priority to provide efficient and effective animal care services to our residents and we believe it is in our best interest to maintain the flexibility to assess and analyze any future plans and cost estimates as well as consider alternative animal care opportunities.

Sincerely,

Rob Johnson
Mayor

CC: Orange County Grand Jury

Rob Johnson, Mayor

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