



CITY OF YORBA LINDA

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September 15, 2015

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

RE: Response to the Orange County Grand Jury report – *“Joint Powers Authorities: Issues of Viability, Control, Transparency, and Solvency”*

Judge Sanders:

The City of Yorba Linda has reviewed the Orange County Grand Jury report titled *“Joint Powers Authorities. Issues of Viability, Control, Transparency, and Solvency”* and has formulated a response to each of the required findings and recommendations as outlined on pages 13 – 15 of the report.

Finding F3

“Orange County has 18 vertical Joint Powers Authorities created by a city along with its redevelopment agency that no longer exists. The Grand Jury determined that these Joint Powers Authorities serve no benefit to the public or the taxpayers and have the potential for misuse or obfuscation of public funds.”

City’s Response

The City of Yorba Linda has no reason to disagree with the finding.

Recommendation R2

“All Vertical Joint Powers Authorities created by a city along with its redevelopment agency should submit the necessary paperwork with the State of California requesting termination of their existence.”

City’s Response

The recommendation requires further analysis. Over the next several months the City of Yorba Linda will confer with its legal counsel to determine whether the Yorba Linda Public Finance Authority should be terminated and what the necessary steps are to carry that out.

Should you have any questions or require any further information from the City of Yorba Linda, please feel free to contact our Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, David Christian at (714)961-7141 or dchristian@yorba-linda.org.

Sincerely,

Gene Hernandez
Mayor, City of Yorba Linda

Cc: Orange County Grand Jury