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

Re: City of Orange **Supplemental** Response to Grand Jury Report: “Where There’s Will, There’s a Way: Housing Orange County’s Chronically Homeless.”

Dear Judge Margines:

In response to the Grand Jury’s letter of October 18, 2018, City of Orange files this supplemental response to recommendations R.1, R.2, R.7, R.8 and R.9 contained in the Grand Jury’s Report, “Where There’s Will, There’s a Way: Housing Orange County’s Chronically Homeless.”

## **Recommendations:**

R.1: Orange County cities and the County should develop a Permanent Supportive Housing development plan, and should consider a plan structure similar to the proposal put forth by Association of California Cities – Orange County, that proportionally allocates sites among the cities. (F1, F2, F4, F7, F8)

## **Response**

This recommendation requires further analysis and coordination with other entities to implement. The City of Orange supports the efforts of the Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACCOC) in its countywide effort to implement a housing plan. Due to the many different agencies involved and the ongoing litigation in the Federal Court in *Orange County Catholic Worker v. County of Orange, et. al.*, to which the City of Orange is a party, we don’t believe we will be able to provide further response to this before Nov. 22, 2018. The City of Orange is committed to permanent supportive housing and continues to work with private partners in assisting in the development of such.

**Recommendation**

R.2: Each Service Planning Area should identify sites for Permanent Supportive Housing proportional to the allocation suggested in the Association of California Cities – Orange County proposal. (F1, F4)

**Response**

This recommendation requires further analysis and coordination with other entities to implement. The City of Orange is working closely with the other 12 North Service Planning Area cities to address housing issues for homeless people. In the ongoing litigation in the Federal Court in *Orange County Catholic Worker v. County of Orange, et. al.*, to which the City of Orange is a party, the 13 North SPA cities have joined together to fund and locate housing for those unsheltered in the North SPA. We believe this same cooperation will provide permanent supportive housing in the future, but do not anticipate we will be able to provide further response to this before Nov. 22, 2018. The City of Orange is committed to permanent supportive housing and continues to work with private partners in assisting in the development of such.

**Recommendation**

R.7: To streamline shelter and Permanent Supportive Housing development, the County and its cities should establish a decision-making body, such as Joint Powers Authority, that is empowered to identify and allocate sites and pool funding associated with housing and supportive services for the homeless. (F1, F3, F4, F7, F8, F9, F10)

**Response**

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**Recommendation**

R.8: Such a decision-making body should develop a comprehensive, regional housing business plan that identifies both the number of Permanent Supportive Housing units needed as well as the associated costs of renovating existing units or building new ones. (F1, F2, F3, F4, F8, F9, F10)

**Response**

This recommendation requires further analysis and coordination with other entities to implement. The City of Orange is working closely with the other 12 North Service Planning Area cities to address housing issues for homeless people. In addition, AB 448, will establish a trust and decision making body to allocate resources for housing and supportive services for people who are unsheltered. In the ongoing litigation in the Federal Court in *Orange County Catholic Worker v. County of Orange, et. al.*, to which the City of Orange is a party, the 13 North SPA cities have joined together to fund and locate housing for those unsheltered in the North SPA. We believe this same cooperation will provide permanent supportive housing in the future, but do not anticipate we will be able to provide further response to this before Nov. 22, 2018. The City of Orange is committed to permanent supportive housing and continues to work with private partners in assisting in the development of such.

**Recommendation**

R.9: Such a decision-making body should propose a plan for securing local, supplemental sources of funding for both Permanent Supportive Housing development and associated support services. (F1, F3, F8, F9, F10)

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committed to permanent supportive housing and continues to work with private partners in assisting in the development of such.

Thank you for your service and efforts on behalf of the City of Orange. We hope this response will be helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Teresa E. Smith, MSW, LCSW". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Teresa E. Smith, MSW, LCSW  
Mayor of Orange

cc: The Orange County Grand Jury  
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