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Charles Margines
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Subject: **Grand Jury Report Responses**

Dear Judge Charles Margines:

The City of San Clemente respectfully submits our response to the Grand Jury Report recommendations as follows:

FINDINGS
F1. Homelessness in Orange County is a regional problem requiring approaches and solutions. <i>Response: The City of San Clemente agrees with the finding.</i>
F2. The lack of a regional plan designating specific development goals for Permanent Supportive Housing contributes to an insufficient number of available units to house the chronically homeless. <i>Response: The City of San Clemente agrees with the finding.</i>
F4. Cities' reluctance to provide sites for Permanent Supportive Housing development has contributed to overcrowded emergency shelters and an increased unsheltered homeless population. <i>Response: The City of San Clemente disagrees with the finding. The City is having dialogues with the County to identify a site for Permanent Supportive Housing development</i>
F6. Service Planning Area meetings have successfully brought together city, county and non-profit entities to share information on homeless issues, but have not fostered decision-making or action. <i>Response: The City of San Clemente agrees with the finding.</i>
F7. NIMBYism has impeded the creation of housing for the homeless, including Permanent Supportive Housing, in the County of Orange. <i>Response: The City of San Clemente partially agrees with the finding. The County of Orange has funding from the State and Federal government so it is important for the County to have dialogues with cities to identify solutions.</i>

F8. Orange County cities and the County have engaged in blaming and finger-pointing, hampering the collaborative efforts needed to site, finance, and maintain Permanent Supportive Housing.

Response: The City of San Clemente disagrees with this finding. The City of San Clemente has had on-going dialogue with the County and service providers, seeking Permanent Supportive Housing solutions.

F9. Cities have taken a silo approach to developing Permanent Supportive Housing, resulting in inefficient leveraging and pooling of funds across municipal borders.

Response: The City of San Clemente is committed to seeking solutions, in conjunction with the South Service Planning Area, we are evaluating potential solutions.

F10. There is no established, independent leadership body in the County empowered to address regional homeless issues in an effective manner.

Response: The City of San Clemente partially agrees with this finding; however, we understand the County of Orange is working on this.

RECOMMENDATIONS

R1. 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: The City of San Clemente is supportive of Permanent Supportive Housing and continues to seek solutions as well as possible collaborations with other South Service Planning Area cities.

R2. 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: The City currently has approximately 52 beds that provide Transitional and/or Permanent Supportive Housing options. The City of San Clemente is working with the South Service Planning Area, as well as the County in collecting data of sheltered and unsheltered homeless PIT and are having discussions to resolve the unsheltered homeless count. It is anticipated that the 2019 PIT will provide better data in helping the South Service Planning Area address the Permanent Supportive Housing needs.

R4. Cities should ensure decision-makers fully participate in their region's Service Planning Area meeting. (F1, F6, F8, F9)

Response: The City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and the Community Development Director are participating in the South Service Planning Area meetings and the City Manager is updating the City Council regularly.

R6. Cities should collaborate with, and leverage the work done by, United Way on their "United to End Homelessness" public awareness campaign. (F7)

Response: The City disagrees with this recommendation. The homeless issue requires a regional approach to be effective. The County needs to take the lead and collaborate with United Way.

R7. To streamline shelter and Permanent Supportive Housing development, the County and its cities should establish a decision-making body, such as a 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: The County and the cities are meeting regularly to discuss the homeless issue, funding(s), and options for shelters.

R8. 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)

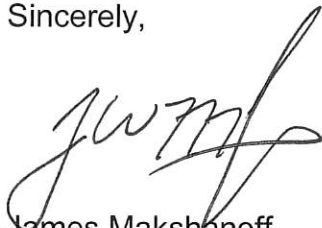
Response: Orange County City Managers Association and respective elected bodies are having dialogues, the City of San Clemente is updated on their progress and we will participate as needed.

R9. 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)

Response: The City of San Clemente is informed of their homeless issue efforts and affordable housing. When requested, we will update our elected officials for policy directions.

Should you have any questions about this letter, please contact James Makshanoff, City Manager, at (949) 361-8321, or at makshanoffj@san-clemente.org.

Sincerely,



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