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November 12, 2020

The Honorable Kirk Nakamura  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA. 92701

**Subject: 2019-2020 Orange County Grand Jury Report, “Protecting Those Who Protect and Serve”**

Dear Judge Nakamura,

In accordance with California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, the City of Placentia is responding to the findings and recommendations in the 2019-2020 Orange County Grand Jury report as follows:

**Response to Findings**

Finding #1: “Peer Support Programs are effective in helping Peace Officers develop healthy coping techniques for themselves and their families.”

**The City of Placentia agrees with this finding.**

Finding #3: “The benefits in the peer support statute, effective January 1, 2020, are important to Peace Officers and Peer Support Team Members.”

**The City of Placentia agrees with this finding.**

Finding #4: “It is important that Peer Support Team members receive periodic training.”

**The City of Placentia agrees with this finding.**

Finding #5: “Allocating a specific budget line item for Peer Support Programs help ensure adequate training and continuation of the programs.”

**The City of Placentia agrees with this finding.**

Finding #6: "Continuous communication to Peace Officers about the Peer Support Programs is important to increase awareness and use of the Peer Support Programs.

**The City of Placentia agrees with the finding.**

**Response to Recommendations**

Recommendation #2: "The 2019-2020 Orange County Grand Jury recommends that all Peer Support Programs be in compliance with the Peer Support Statute."

**The Placentia Police Department is in compliance with Assembly Bill No. 1117.**

Recommendation #3: "The 2019-2020 Orange County Grand Jury recommends that Peer Support Team members receive periodic training, and that completion of training is documented."

**All members of the Placentia Police Department's Peer Support Team receive periodic and on-going training. Completion of all training courses are documented as a matter of standard Department protocol.**

Recommendation #4: "The 2019-2020 Orange County Grand Jury recommends that all law enforcement agencies allocate a specific budget line item for their Peer Support Program."

**The City currently does not have a specific line item in the budget for the Peer Support Program, but the Police Department will be requesting it mid-year for the 20-21 budget.**

Sincerely,



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City Administrator  
City of Placentia

cc: Chief of Police  
Administrative Captain