



January 16, 2013

Honorable Thomas J. Borris
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

RE: Responses to the Orange County Grand Jury Report on Redevelopment

Dear Honorable Judge Borris:

The City of Stanton has reviewed the findings and recommendations of the Orange County Grand Jury report entitled, "The Dissolution of Redevelopment: Where Have We Been? What Lies Ahead?" and provides the following responses:

- F1: The respondent agrees with the findings. Prior to the dissolution of redevelopment the Stanton Consolidated Redevelopment Agency was in compliance with the recognized limits of administrative costs per Redevelopment Law. Subsequent to the dissolution of the redevelopment, the Stanton Consolidated Redevelopment Agency continues to be in compliance.
- F2: The respondent disagrees with the finding. The Stanton Consolidated Redevelopment Agency created a Project Area Committee as part of its Amendment 2011 to the Stanton Consolidated Redevelopment Project.
- F3: The City of Stanton can neither agree or disagree with this finding. The State of California created redevelopment agencies as public agencies with mechanisms to provide annual reports to state agencies. In addition, in the case of the Stanton Consolidated Redevelopment Agency, the Stanton City Council also served as the Redevelopment Agency Board. The City Council serving as the Agency Board was voted into office by the electorate. As a representative democracy form of government, the electorate had the ability to signal their approval or disapproval of projects and management of the agency as a whole through their right to vote.

- R1: The recommendation has been implemented. The administrative costs of the Successor Agency are in full compliance with State Law.
- R2: The Stanton Consolidated Redevelopment Agency already includes only those items on its ROPS related to enforceable obligations necessary to wind down the affairs of the former Redevelopment Agency.
- R4: The recommendation will not be implemented as it is not warranted.
- R5: The recommendation will not be implemented as it is not warranted. The Stanton Consolidated Redevelopment Agency did not provide incentives to commercial entities.

The City of Stanton appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Grand Jury's report. While the City feels that the State's decision to eliminate redevelopment was myopic and to the detriment of the residents of the City of Stanton and of the State, we have complied with all requirements of State Law.

If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (714) 890-4277.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Orange County Grand Jury