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July 15, 2010

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

Subject: "Disaster Preparedness: Is Orange County Ready?"

Dear Judge Dunning,

The City of San Clemente is grateful for the Orange County Grand Jury's efforts to examine and evaluate the County's readiness for a disaster. We are particularly pleased to have been included in this investigative effort and we appreciate the Grand Jury's objective and very thoughtful assessment of San Clemente's Emergency Planning program.

As directed by the Grand Jury, and in accordance with Penal Code 933 and 933.05 the City of San Clemente provides its response to the following recommendation.

R.5 Although the time taken to set up San Clemente's EOC to make it operational has been deemed adequate, the city should consider adding wiring and permanent displays to the EOC facility to reduce setup time.

The City of San Clemente agrees with this finding. The City constantly seeks to improve its disaster preparedness and emergency response. The City's ability to set-up its Emergency Operation Center (EOC) to an operational status within 45 minutes of a triggering event was evaluated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in September of 2009. FEMA observed the set-up and determined that the City is capable of meeting the standard. The City is investigating funding sources that would allow it to add additional wiring power, network and telephone capabilities and dynamic and static displays to the multipurpose room. Provided funding is available, we would expect this recommendation would be completed by the City by the end of Fiscal Year 2011.

Once again, the City of San Clemente appreciates having the opportunity to work with the Grand Jury on this very important report and should the Grand Jury or any member of its

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staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the City Manager, George Scarborough, at 949.361.8322 or email at ScarboroughG@San-Clemente.org.

Sincerely,



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