

County of Orange

Thomas G. Mauk County Executive Officer July 29, 2008

Ann Avery Andres, Foreperson Superior Court of California 700 Civic Center Drive West Santa Ana, CA 92702

Subject:

Response to Orange County Grand Jury Report, "Orange

County Campaign Reform Ordinance-Fair Campaign Practices

Commission"

Dear Ms. Andres:

Per your request, and in accordance with Penal Code 933, enclosed please find the County of Orange response to the subject report as approved by the Board of Supervisors. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Stanberry at (714) 834-3727 in the County Executive Office who will either assist you or direct you to the appropriate individual.

Very truly yours,

Thomas G. Mauk

County Executive Officer

**Enclosure** 

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## 2007-08 Grand Jury Report "Orange County Campaign Reform Ordinance-Fair Campaign Practices Commission" Response to Findings and Recommendations

## Response to Findings

F-1 <u>Campaign Finance Law:</u> The current Orange County Campaign Reform Finance Ordinance Number 3862 is not compatible with current campaign finance law.

Response: Agree with finding.

Certain portions of the existing ordinance are not consistent with current law.

F-2 Oversight Committee: There is no oversight commission to enforce the regulations of the Orange County Campaign Reform Finance Ordinance 3862.

Response: Agree with finding.

## Response to Recommendations

R-1 <u>Campaign Finance Law:</u> The Board of Supervisors should allow the voters to resolve the incompatibility issue by ordering that the amended Orange County Campaign Reform Finance Ordinance be placed on the November 4, 2008 ballot.

Response: The recommendation requires further analysis.

The Chairman of the Board is establishing an ad hoc committee to review the compatibility of the County Campaign Reform Ordinance with State statutory and case law. The committee will report back to the Board with recommendations by November 25, 2008.

R-2 Oversight Committee: The Board of Supervisors should allow the voters to decide whether an official, apolitical oversight commission should be established by ordering the proposed Fair Campaign Practices Commission charter amendment be placed on the November 4, 2008 ballot.

Response: The recommendation requires further analysis.

The Chairman of the Board is establishing an ad hoc committee to review whether an oversight commission should be established. The committee will report back to the Board with recommendations by November 25, 2008.