



County of Orange  
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County Executive Officer

August 23, 2005

Bette Flick, Foreperson  
FY 05/06 Grand Jury  
Superior Court of California  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA 92702

Subject: Response to Orange County Grand Jury Report, "Can Orange  
County Afford to Lose the Human Relations Commission?"

Dear Ms. Flick:

Per your request, and in accordance with Penal Code 993, 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 Brian Wayt at (714) 834-4104 in the County Executive Office who will either assist you or direct you to the appropriate individual.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas G. Mauk". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and "M".

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**2004-2005 Grand Jury Report**  
**“Can Orange County Afford to Lose the Human Relations Commission”**  
**Response to Findings and Recommendations**

**Response to Findings 7.1 - 7.2:**

- 7.1 The Orange County Human Relations Commission needs the support of the county in order to service the entire populace, since problems develop regardless of city borders.

**Response: Agrees with finding**

- 7.2 The Orange County Human Relations Commission needs adequate and consistent funds from the OC Board of Supervisors. The commission has truly strived to acquire city contributions and private donations, and it will continue to do so. However, the cities' contributions and other Human Relations Council contributions are unpredictable and can vary from year to year.

**Response: Agrees with finding**

**Response to Recommendations 8.1 - 8.2:**

- 8.1 The OC Board of Supervisors should support the Orange County Human Relations Commission to the degree that the commission: 1) remains under the county auspices, and 2) retains its county, rather than private, identity.

**Response: The recommendation has been implemented**

The OC Board of Supervisors has and continues to support the OC Human Relations Commission.

- 8.2 The OC Board of Supervisors should budget consistent, annual financial support to the Orange County Human Relations Commission.

**Response: The recommendation has been implemented**

The OC Board of Supervisors budgets financial support for the commission through the General Fund and have done so annually since 1971. The amount of the allocation is subject to the available resources each year.