



# CITY of CYPRESS

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August 21, 2006

Orange County Grand Jury  
Ms. Bette Flick, Foreperson  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Foreperson Flick:

My office has received the Orange County Grand Jury report on "**Oversight of Orange County Law Enforcement Agencies, *Resolving a Dichotomy.***" Per the request detailed in the report, I have compiled responses to Findings 6.2 through 6.3 as well as Recommendations 7.2 through 7.3.

Response to Findings:

6.2 *Independent Reviews of LEAs:* I disagree wholly. As Mayor of the City of Cypress, I have found that the policies of the Cypress Police Department have come under regular review by the State and Federal Judicial Systems, the City Manager as well as the City's Risk Manager and City Attorney's Office. My office also has occasion to review the citizen complaint policies of the Police Department as they respond to concerns raised by constituents. Overall, the Department has an excellent reputation among the resident and business community of Cypress. If that were not the case, the Council would be well aware of it. I believe the amount of oversight from all these sources is sufficient.

6.3 *Orange County is Changing:* I agree. The County is changing and growing. As a result, I believe that Law Enforcement agencies will face new challenges as the County grows and crime increases.

Response to Recommendations:

7.2 *Near-term, independent review of LEA policies, procedures, and compliance:* This recommendation will not be implemented because I do not believe it is warranted. This belief is supported by periodic and ongoing review of the Police Department's policies, procedures, and compliance. I believe the policies put in place by the Cypress Police Department rise to the level of best practices.

Lydia Sondhl, Mayor

Phil Luebben, Mayor Pro Tem

Frank McCoy, Council Member

Mike McGill, Council Member

Todd W. Seymore, Council Member

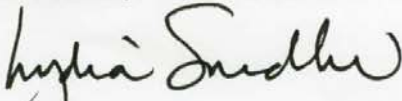
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- 7.3 Periodic, independent reviews of LEA compliance to policies and procedures:  
This recommendation will not be implemented for the same reasons stated in Recommendation 7.2. I believe that the Cypress Police Department is using best practice guidelines in carrying out their responsibilities, and that those guidelines withstand sufficient review and scrutiny by a variety of sources to insure they are appropriate.

On behalf of the City of Cypress, I want to thank the Grand Jury for your work on behalf of all of our residents.

Sincerely,



Lydia Sondhi, Mayor  
City of Cypress

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