



# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

---

(714) 741-5104

William J. Dalton  
Mayor

Mark Rosen  
Mayor Pro Tem

Mark Leyes  
Council Member

Janet Nguyen  
Council Member

Harry Krebs  
Council Member

September 19, 2006

Nancy Wieben Stock  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Judge Wieben Stock:

My office has received the Orange County Grand Jury report, "**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 and 6.3 as well as Recommendations 7.2 and 7.3.

Response to findings:

**6.2 Independent reviews of LEAs:** I disagree wholly. As Mayor of the City of Garden Grove, I have found that the policies of the Garden Grove Police Department come under regular review by the State and Federal Judicial Systems, the City Manager as well as the City's Risk Manager, City Attorney's Office and the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). My office also has occasion to review the citizen complaint policies of the Police Department as they respond to concerns raised by constituents. The Department has an excellent reputation among the resident and business community of Garden Grove. If that were not the case, the City 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 including increases in crime. However, I am equally confident that the challenges will be met with enthusiastic commitment and dedication toward resolution.

Response to recommendations:

**7.2 Near-term, independent review of LEA policies, procedures, and compliance:** This recommendation, in a sense, has already been implemented by the Garden Grove Police Department through the independent review that is part of the accreditation process. The Department is proud of its recognition as a nationally accredited law enforcement agency and its commitment to serve the community as a professional organization. Through constant self-assessment and the willingness

Nancy Wieben Stock  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
September 19, 2006  
Page 2

and ability to evolve as an organization, the Garden Grove Police Department continues to successfully meet the rigorous qualifications required to remain one of the few municipal police agencies accredited in the State of California.

**7.3 Periodic, independent reviews of LEA compliance to policies and procedures:** This recommendation has been implemented as outlined in 7.2.

On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Garden Grove Police Department and the citizens of Garden Grove, I would like to thank you for your time and effort examining these relevant issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Dalton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

WILLIAM DALTON  
Mayor

Cc: Orange County Grand Jury