



CITY OF LAGUNA HILLS

City Council

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The Honorable Nancy Wieben Stock
Presiding Judge
Orange County Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: Response to the Grand Jury – “Oversight of Orange County Law Enforcement Agencies Resolving a Dichotomy”

Dear Judge Wieben Stock:

The City of Laguna Hills received a copy of the above-referenced 2005-06 Orange County Grand Jury report on June 23 (hereafter, “Report”). Since the City contracts with the Orange County Sheriff’s Department for law enforcement services, we have worked with them as they prepared their response to the Report. We have carefully reviewed and considered both the Report and the Sheriff’s Department response. The City’s response to each finding and recommendation is presented below pursuant to *Penal Code Section 933.05(a) and (b)*.

Finding 6.2 - Independent Review of LEAs: The use of independent reviews of LEA’s practices is limited to unique reviews rather than to periodic reviews, of policies, procedures, and compliance.

Response: Disagree. See Orange County Sheriff’s Department Response to Finding 6.2. (Copy is attached.)

Finding 6.3 - Orange County is changing: Orange County and City LEAs will face new challenges as the number of crimes increase, reflecting those of surrounding counties.

Response: Partially disagree. See Orange County Sheriff’s Department Response to Finding 6.3.

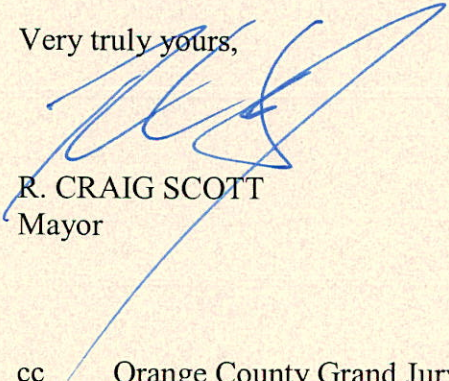
Recommendation 7.2 - Near Term, Independent Review of LEA Policies, Procedures, and Compliance: The Orange County municipal police departments, in cooperation with the Orange County Mayors, should consider contracting for a near-term independent review of LEA's current policies, procedures, and compliance to provide current status as compared to best practices. (See Findings 6.2 and 6.3)

Response: This recommendation will not be implemented. See Orange County Sheriff's Department Response to Recommendation 7.2.

Recommendation 7.3 - Periodic, Independent Reviews of LEA Compliance to Policies and Procedures: The Orange County municipal police departments, in cooperation with the Orange County City Mayors, should consider contracting for periodic, independent reviews of LEA's policies and procedures, using the best practices guidelines as criteria. (See Findings 6.2 and 6.3)

Response: This recommendation will not be implemented. See Orange County Sheriff's Department Response to Recommendation 7.3.

Very truly yours,



R. CRAIG SCOTT
Mayor

cc Orange County Grand Jury