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

RE: City of Orange Response to "Oversight of Orange County Law Enforcement Agencies, Resolving a Dichotomy, Orange County Grand Jury 2005-2006"

Dear Hon. Wieben Stock:

First please allow me to apologize for the City's tardy response to this report. The following is our response to the findings and recommendations.

FINDINGS

6.2 Independent Reviews of LEAs.

I strongly disagree. The City of Orange Police Department is and always has been committed to accepting and investigating allegations of misconduct in an impartial and professional manner. The actions of our police officers are under constant scrutiny by many eyes including those of police management, citizens, myself and our other local elected officials. My colleagues and myself are always out in the community speaking to citizens and public safety is always a hot topic. I know that I hear nothing but praise about the professionalism of the men and women of the Orange Police Department.

6.3 Orange County is Changing.

I agree that Orange County is changing, however, so is the Orange Police Department. As an elected official, I am well aware of the changes occurring in Orange County and the problems those changes pose to the City of Orange. This is one of the reasons why the City Council is doing our best to provide the resources to the Orange Police Department so that it can update its policies, procedures and training to stay current and be prepared for these changes and ready to provide the best service possible.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

7.2 Near-Term independent review of LEA policies, procedures and compliance.

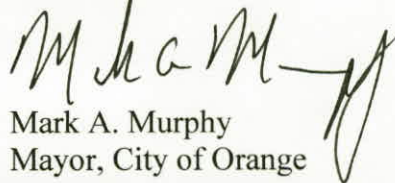
This recommendation will not be implemented. In Orange, I feel that we have sufficient internal and external mechanisms in place to review the Police Department's policies and procedures. This includes a review by our City Attorney's Office, Risk Manager, City Manager and City Council and I do not believe it is an appropriate use of tax dollars to contract for a near-term independent review.

7.3 Periodic independent reviews of LEA compliance to policies and procedures.

This recommendation will not be implemented at this time for the same reasons as provided in this response to recommendation 7.2.

Thank you for your service and efforts on behalf of Orange County law enforcement and I hope these responses will be helpful.

Sincerely,



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Mayor, City of Orange

cc: Mike Penn, Foreperson OC Grand Jury
A.L. Musgrave, Chairperson, Special Issues Committee OC Grand Jury