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September 12, 2006

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Orange County Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
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Re: Orange County Grand Jury Report: Oversight of Orange County Law Enforcement Agencies, *Resolving a Dichotomy!*

Dear Judge Wieben-Stock:

It is my understanding that as Mayor of the City of Placentia I am required (per California Penal Code §933 and §933.05) to provide a response to certain elements of the "Orange County Grand Jury Report: Oversight of Orange County Law Enforcement Agencies, *Resolving a Dichotomy!*" Those required responses are as follows:

Finding 6.2 ***Independent reviews of LEAs:*** *The use of independent reviews of LEAs' practices is limited to unique reviews rather than to periodic reviews of policies, procedures, and compliance.*

Response: Disagree with Finding 6.2. Police Department practices, policies and procedures are continually subject to the scrutiny of independent reviews. While some of these reviews may originate from a unique source, reviews and compliance are also monitored on a regular basis through a number of other internal and external mechanisms. These include audits by the State Commission on Police Officers' Standards and Training, inspections by state or county agencies and recommendations from other City Staff, the City Attorney and private attorneys and consultants retained specifically for these purposes.

The availability of these various reviews, whenever needed or desired, appears to be meeting the need for outside review.

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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: Agree with Finding 6.3. I would agree that the City of Placentia and the Placentia Police Department will likely face new challenges as the County and crime changes. However, the degree to which these changes are influenced or reflective of surrounding counties is not something that can be measured with any degree of certainty.

Finding 7.2 **Near-term, independent reviews of LEA policies, procedures, and compliance:** *The Orange County municipal police departments, in cooperation with the Orange County City Mayors, should consider contracting for a near-term independent review of LEAs' current policies, procedures, and compliance to provide current status as compared to best practices. (See Findings 6.2 and 6.3.)*

Response: Disagree with Finding 7.2. The City of Placentia would not support the expenditure of additional general fund monies for an additional near-term independent review. The City and the Police Department already spends money for legal experts who have a proven record conducting such reviews. There is no evidence that an additional review would be any more effective than the reviews currently utilized by this agency.

I have received no information from our constituents to make me believe that the current system of internal and external checks and balances is not functioning effectively. There is no evidence to suggest that the recommendations proposed by the Orange County Grand Jury would enhance the systems already in place.

Finding 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 LEAs' policies and procedures, using best practices guidelines as criteria. (See Findings 6.2 and 6.3.)*

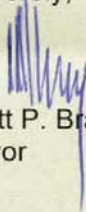
Response: Disagree with Finding 7.3. I would not support the expenditure of additional city funds for periodic independent reviews.

The current internal and external systems of checks and balances in place are functioning effectively and there is no evidence to suggest that there is a need for additional periodic independent reviews as recommended in Orange County Grand Jury Recommendation 7.3. The independent periodic reviews by legal experts that this Department currently utilizes provide effective guidance and a best practices standard.

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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the recommendations prepared by the 2005/2006 Orange County Grand Jury in their report entitled, "Oversight of Orange County Law Enforcement Agencies, *Resolving a Dichotomy!*" Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (714) 993-8117.

Sincerely,



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Mayor

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Bob Dominguez, Placentia City Administrator