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

Dear Judge Stock:

Subject: Orange County Grand Jury Report "Oversight of Orange County Law Enforcement Agencies, *Resolving a Dichotomy!*"

Please accept the following responses in accordance with California Penal Code 933 and 933.05 to the "Orange County Grand Jury Report: Oversight of Orange County Law Enforcement Agencies, *Resolving a Dichotomy!*"

- 6.2 Independent Reviews of LEAs: As the Mayor for the City of Huntington Beach, I believe the police department's practices are subject to the scrutiny of independent reviews by the communities they serve. Their policies come under regular review by the State and Federal Judicial Systems, the City Administrator, City Council, as well as the City Attorney's Office. Members of our community have many options available to them if they believe the police department is not performing competently, or they believe they were treated unfairly. The police department has an excellent reputation among the residents, business people within the community, and visitors to the city. I believe the review systems currently being used in our city are working effectively and the amount of oversight by them is sufficient.
- 6.3 Orange County is Changing: The county is indeed changing and will continue to change in the future. The city and the police department are committed to working closely with the community to address the changes necessary in law enforcement to combat future crime trends. Partnerships with the community and a collaborative, problem-solving effort will provide a safe and secure community during those changing times.
- 7.2 Near-term, independent review of LEA policies, procedures and compliance: The internal and external system of checks and balances currently in place in the City of Huntington Beach are functioning effectively. There are periodic and ongoing reviews of the Police Department's policies, procedures and compliance by city elected and appointed leaders as well as the members of the community. The procedures and policies in place with the Huntington Beach Police Department already rise to the level of best practices. I do not support any additional independent review.

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7.3 Periodic, independent reviews of LEA compliance to policies and procedures: As outlined in 7.2, I believe the Huntington Beach Police Department is already using best practices in attempting to carry out their mission of providing the best law enforcement possible to the residents, business members and visitors to our community. The policies and procedures are reviewed and updated to ensure they meet the highest possible standards and can withstand review and scrutiny by a variety of sources to ensure they are appropriate. I do not support this recommendation.

On behalf of the City of Huntington Beach, I want to thank the Orange County Grand Jury for their work on behalf of the citizens of our community and allowing us an opportunity to respond to the recommendations listed in the Grand Jury's report.

Sincerely,



Dave Sullivan
Mayor