



CITY of LAGUNA WOODS

**Bert Hack**  
*Mayor*

July 7, 2008

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*City Manager*

Ann Avery, Foreman  
2007-08 Orange County Grand Jury  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Ms. Avery:

The City of Laguna Woods is in receipt of a copy of the 2007-08 Grand Jury report – No County for Old Boomers. Mayor Hack has asked that I respond to your April 25, 2008 request for response to this report.

The City of Laguna woods agrees that the projected increase in the aging population will affect Orange County's economy and ability to provide adequate housing and services. However, all of the 13,252 residential units currently within the City of Laguna Woods are age restricted for senior citizens. Please find below our specific responses to findings and recommendations.

**Findings F-1, F-2 and F-4**

The City of Laguna Woods currently has a mix of affordable housing available to residents over the age 55. This mix includes independent and assisted living developments, single-family homes, multi-family condominiums and apartments. There is a mix of affordable rental and ownership housing opportunities for senior citizens.

**Finding F-3**

The current, state-approved, Laguna Woods Housing Element is, and has been since it was adopted, available on the City's website. In addition, the proposed new Housing Element, currently under review by the state, is on the City's website.

**Recommendation R-1**

The City's current and proposed housing elements contain housing units by type, and all current housing units are age restricted.

**Recommendations R-2 and R-4**

The average age of residents in the City of Laguna Woods is 78. The housing element contains 2000 census population by age group. It is noted in the housing element that "...consistent with age restrictions at the various residential communities within the City, the opportunity for anyone under the age of 55 to reside legally within the community is limited and as such, the age distribution in

the City should remain relatively stable.”

Recommendation R-3

The current and proposed Laguna Woods’ housing elements are on the City’s website.

I hope that this information is responsive to your request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie A. Keane".

Leslie A. Keane  
City Manager