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August 30, 2007

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

RE: Response to Grand Jury Report "Assembly Bill 939, Waste Diversion: Are We Finally Making Progress?"

Dear Judge Wieben-Stock:

This letter is in response to the 2006-2007 Orange County Grand Jury Report, "Assembly Bill 939 Waste Diversion: Are We Finally Making Progress?" As required by Penal Code 933.05(a) and (b), the City of Los Alamitos, respectfully submits the responses listed below.

Response to Findings:

Finding F-6: Finding F-6 states, "The presence of non-franchise haulers and so-called "Ghost Haulers" bins, in cities which bypass the recycling system, needs to be corrected in order to establish the waste haulers' confidence that their municipalities are looking out for their best interests."

Response to F-6: The City of Los Alamitos agrees with this finding.

The City of Los Alamitos contracts with an exclusive franchise to one hauler. This agreement makes it illegal for any other hauler to offer this service within the City.

The City works to ensure the proper disposal of waste and is opposed to non-franchise haulers that undermine this agreement as it interferes with the City's ability to comply with Assembly Bill 939 mandates.

Recommendation R-6: Recommendation R-6 states, "Municipalities need to solve their unauthorized waste bin problems by enacting city ordinances forbidding these practices, imposing fines, including stepped-up fines for additional violations, and impounding unauthorized bins."

Response to R-6: The City of Los Alamitos is currently working to develop an ordinance, for Council consideration, that would establish impound procedures and impose fines for unauthorized bins.

The City will report back to the Orange County Grand Jury once action is taken on the City Ordinance.

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On behalf of the citizens of Los Alamitos, I would like to thank the Orange County Grand Jury for their dedicated service and for the opportunity to respond to the recommendations in the 2006-2007 report.

Sincerely,

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