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

Dear Judge Wieben Stock:

On July 5, 2007, the City of Mission Viejo submitted a response to the 2006–2007 Orange County Grand Jury report titled “Assembly Bill 939 Waste Diversion: Are We Finally Making Progress?”

The City of Mission Viejo agreed with the Grand Jury’s findings identified in F-6 that the presence of illegal waste haulers needs to be corrected so that franchise haulers will have confidence that the cities they contract with are looking out for their best interests.

Cities were also required to respond to the Grand Jury’s recommendation (R-6) that 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. Mission Viejo’s response stated that further analysis was necessary.

City staff is still in the process of gathering information to determine if the recommendation is needed in Mission Viejo. Currently the City is working with its waste hauler, Waste Management of Orange County, to determine if the presence of illegal haulers is significant enough to warrant an ordinance that would include stepped-up fines for additional violations and impoundment of illegal bins. The City will share its findings in an update in February 2008.

Sincerely,

Gail Reavis
Mayor

cc: City Council
City Manager
Orange County Grand Jury

