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October 22, 2008

Nancy Wieben Stock
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West

Subject:

No County for Old Boomers—Timing for Housing Element Update

Dear Judge Wieben Stock,

The City of Orange is in receipt of correspondence from Foreperson James R. Perez, dated September 8, 2008, requesting information about specific timing for adoption of the City of Orange Housing Element Update.

The City submitted a preliminary draft of the Housing Element to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on May 5, 2008. HCD provided comments back to the City on July 3, 2008. The City is working with our consultant to respond to those comments, and intends to resubmit a revised draft to HCD for their review in the weeks ahead. Once the City has received confirmation from HCD that the revisions to the document are acceptable, the City will make the document available for public review and schedule public hearing dates with the Planning Commission and City Council.

At this point, it is not possible to provide specific dates for expected adoption of the updated Housing Element given that we do not know when, specifically, we will receive confirmation from HCD that our revisions are sufficient. Due to the fact that there is limited time remaining in this calendar year, it is likely that the updated Housing Element will not be scheduled for public hearings until the early months of 2009.

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The City appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Grand Jury report. Should you have further questions about the content of the pending Housing Element update, please contact Jennifer Le, Senior Planner, in the City's Community Development Department at (714) 744-7238 or <u>ile@cityoforange.org</u>.

Sincerely,

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