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Frederick P. Horn
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Judge Horn:

The City of Fullerton has reviewed and supports the Grand Jury's Report, "A Shortfall in Proposition 36 Support." Finding 3 and Recommendation 4 directed that the City of Fullerton respond.

Finding 3

Crime rates in some Orange County cities show increases since the inception of Proposition 36 that may be attributable to Proposition 36, or to other factors such as "economy downturns, and drug-driven property crimes."

The City of Fullerton fully supports Finding 3 and believes that much of the property crime increase in the City of Fullerton, as well as the County of Orange, can be attributable to Proposition 36.

Recommendation 4

Examine county and city arrest and incarceration records and statistical data of persons enrolled in Proposition 36 Court to determine the program's effectiveness relative to reducing criminal involvement in serious crimes (Finding 3).

The City of Fullerton supports Recommendation 4. However, it is not reasonable for the City of Fullerton to fulfill the direction of Recommendation 4. Recommendation 4 requires staffing that in these tight economic times, the City of Fullerton is not capable of fulfilling. The City is anticipating budget cuts and staff reductions to respond to budgetary problems. Therefore, although the City fully supports Recommendation 4, it is unable to fulfill the direction at this time.

We congratulate the Grand Jury for examining the effects of Proposition 36 on Orange County.

Sincerely,


Don Bankhead
Mayor

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