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September 18, 2007

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

Dear Judge Wieben Stock:

This letter is in response to the 2006-2007 Orange County Grand Jury Report entitled "ICE in Orange County." The Mayor has authorized me to respond on his behalf. The Mayor was asked to respond to Finding F-3 and Recommendation R-3.

F-3. Cities which contract with OCSD and Costa Mesa have the immigration status of all booked individuals checked. Anaheim has only a part time ICE agent. However, it is unclear if OC's large cities (Santa Ana, Huntington Beach, Irvine, Orange, Fullerton and Garden Grove) check the immigration status of all individuals booked at their city jails.

The City of Santa Ana disagrees with this finding as it pertains to the City of Santa Ana. The majority of the population of the Santa Ana Jail is contract housing for the United States Marshal and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) along with State parole violators. Santa Ana arrests that are booked into the Santa Ana Jail are transferred to the Orange County Jail system within a few hours and are screened for immigration status at that time.

R-3. To ensure consistency within OC, the cities of Anaheim, Santa Ana, Huntington Beach, Irvine, Orange, Fullerton, and Garden Grove should consider entering into an agreement with ICE, or make an arrangement with OCSD, to ensure that all people booked at their jails have their immigration status checked with ICE and hold UIs for ICE transport to federal facilities. (This recommendation arises from Finding F-3.)

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This recommendation has been implemented, prior to the issuance of the Grand Jury's report. In addition, the Santa Ana Jail is currently working with ICE to make arrangements for the screening of arrests that are not booked into the Santa Ana Jail but rather cited and released after identification. When we have this screening process for cite and release in place we will exceed the recommendations of R-3.

Sincerely,

David N. Ream City Manager