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

Re: 2002-2003 Orange County Grand Jury Report – Wood Roofs are Dangerous

Dear Judge Horn:

The City of La Habra has been undergoing personnel changes; we are currently interviewing for a permanent Building Official and are in negotiations to contract out our Fire Department. During these changes, your initial request was inadvertently misplaced. Please accept our apology for the delay in our response to your request.

The City of La Habra Building Department has reviewed your report and below are our responses to your findings and recommendations:

Findings #1 through #4: The City is in full agreement.

Recommendation #1: When the new Building Official is employed by the City, we will be better prepared to consider amending our building code to require a Class A roof covering for new construction.

Recommendation #2: Similarly, when the new Building Official is in place, we will be able to properly consider amending the building code to require a Class A roof covering for our re-roofing projects.

Please accept this response as our best effort at this time but allow us to possibly amend this response once we have an opportunity to fully examine the impacts of changing our current minimum requirements.

As per your request, a separate copy of our response and an electronic format (PDF) has been mailed to the Orange County Grand Jury, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

Sincerely,

Brad Bridenbecker, City Manager

Cc. Orange County Grand Jury