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April 15, 2003

Carlos N. Olvera, Foreman
2002-2003 Orange County Grand Jury
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Subject: **CITY OF SEAL BEACH RESPONSES TO ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT, "WOOD ROOFS ARE DANGEROUS"**

Dear Foreman Olvera:

This letter is the formal reply to the 2002-2003 Orange County Grand Jury Report entitled "*Wood Roofs Are Dangerous*", in compliance with Penal Code Section 933(a) and (b).

As to Findings 1 through 4 of the Report: The City of Seal Beach is in general agreement with the Findings.

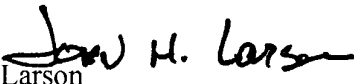
As to Recommendation Number 2, to which the City of Seal Beach is required to respond: The City of Seal Beach considered and introduced on April 14, 2003, Ordinance No. 1496, An Ordinance of the City of Seal Beach Amending Section 5-30, No. 35, Table 15-A, of Chapter 5, Article 1, of the Code of the City of Seal Beach, Comprising Part 2 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, the 2001 California Building Code. This ordinance will be scheduled for second reading and adoption on April 28, 2003 and will become effective 30 days thereafter, absent any legal challenge. This ordinance amends the current building code provisions to require, at a minimum and in conformance with Grand Jury Recommendation 2, the most fire retardant class of roof covering (Class A) for re-roofing of all residential structures (Group R) in all fire zones, when more than 50 percent of the roof is replaced within one year.

A copy of the adopted ordinance will be forwarded to your office by the City Clerk after adoption on April 28, 2003.

*City of Seal Beach Response Letter re:
"Wood Roofs Are Dangerous" – Orange County Grand Jury Report
April 15, 2003*

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Mr. Lee Whittenberg, Director of Development Services. Mr. Whittenberg can be reached at (562) 431-2527, extension 313, or by e-mail at lwhittenberg@ci.seal-beach.ca.us.

Sincerely,


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