

City of Seal Beach



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Dear Presiding Judge of the Superior Court Maria Hernandez,

I am writing to notify the Orange County Grand Jury that the City of Seal Beach will provide a written response to the 2023-2024 Orange County Grand Jury report, "Talking Trash: Recyclables and Organic Waste." Pursuant to Penal Code 933.05(b)(3), and the Grand Jury's letter of June 5, 2024, the City of Seal Beach requires an extension of time in order to complete its response. The City of Seal Beach will provide its response within six months of the public release date of the report, or no later than December 11, 2024.

The Grand Jury's investigation into the issue of recyclables and organic waste is ongoing, and additional time is needed to gather evidence and conduct interviews. The complexity of the issues involved, including the environmental and economic implications of improper waste disposal, requires further analysis and consultation with the City's waste hauler (Republic Services) and the City's solid waste and recycling consultant (HF&H). Moreover, coordinating with other agencies and jurisdictions to address the problem effectively necessitates additional time.

While I understand the importance of timely public disclosure of Grand Jury reports, I believe that this extension is merited in this case and would serve the best interests of justice and allow the Grand Jury to complete its work thoroughly and effectively. I am available to provide any additional information or documentation that may be required.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Patrick Gallegos
Assistant City Manager

Cc: Orange County Grand Jury