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December 17, 2024

The Honorable Maria Hernandez  
Presiding Judge, Orange County Superior Court  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

**RE: SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENT TO THE CITY OF PLACENTIA'S RESPONSE TO THE 2023-2024 ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT ENTITLED "TALKING TRASH: RECYCLABLES AND ORGANIC WASTE"**

Dear Judge Hernandez:

The City of Placentia has received the letter dated December 4, 2024, requesting that the City submit a supplemental document clarifying the City's Response to Recommendations 3 and 5 of the 2023-2024 Orange County Jury Report, "Talking Trash: Recyclables and Organic Waste." Please consider this letter as the City's supplemental document.

**Recommendation 3 (R3):** The OCGJ recommends that all jurisdictions utilize a dedicated waste and recycling enterprise fund for collection of fines for non-compliance with SB 1383 by December 31, 2024.

City's Response: This recommendation will require further analysis and a policy discussion with the Placentia City Council.

Clarification: Currently, all fines and penalties collected by the City are deposited into the General Fund. To allocate fines collected for non-compliance with SB 1383 into a dedicated fund, a policy discussion with the City Council is required. Since the City already has an established Refuse Administration Enterprise Fund, there is no need to create a new fund. Ultimately, it is up to the City Council to decide whether to implement this recommendation.

Implementation Schedule: The timeline for implementing this recommendation depends on the City's implementation of SB 1383. Currently, the City is negotiating an amended and restated franchise agreement with its hauler to implement SB 1383 programs and services. As a result, the City has not yet begun collecting fines for noncompliance with SB 1383. The City expects to complete negotiations and fully roll out SB 1383 by December 2025. Therefore, the OCGJ recommendation regarding the collection of fines into a dedicated waste and recycling enterprise fund will be addressed as part of the

discussion with the City Council when approving the amended and restated franchise agreement for SB 1383 implementation.

**Recommendation 5 (R5):** By December 31, 2024, and in order to gauge the effectiveness of their education and outreach efforts, all jurisdictions should develop new methods to engage residents directly to help determine their awareness of the requirements associated with SB 1383, such as surveys, online quizzes, and door-to-door polling.

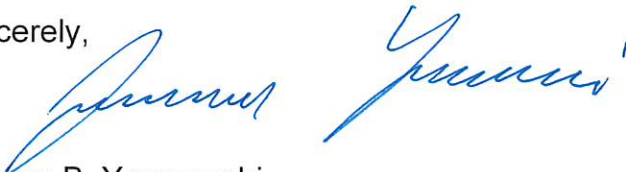
City's Response: This recommendation has not yet been implemented. The City of Placentia will work on developing new methods to measure the effectiveness of its education and outreach efforts.

Clarification: The City currently conducts education and outreach activities and plans to expand these efforts in 2025 and 2026, following the finalization and execution of the amended and restated franchise agreement. In the meantime, the City will explore and implement new strategies for education and outreach. Once SB 1383 is fully implemented and the outreach initiatives are expanded, the City will be able to thoroughly evaluate the effectiveness of its activities.

Implementation Schedule: The timeline for implementing this recommendation is set for Spring 2026, following the City's implementation of SB 1383. The City anticipates completing negotiations with its hauler and fully rolling out SB 1383 by December 2025.

Thank you for allowing the City to provide additional information regarding its response to the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions or need clarification regarding the City's responses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy B. Yamaguchi', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jeremy B. Yamaguchi  
Mayor, City of Placentia

cc: Rosanna Ramirez, Acting City Administrator  
Christopher Tanio, Director of Public Works  
Orange County Grand Jury