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The Honorable Judge Stephen Benson
Presiding Judge
Butte County Superior Court
One Court Street
Oroville, CA 95965

Re: *City of Oroville's Response to 2011-2012 Grand Jury Report*

Dear Judge Benson:

Pursuant to Penal Code section 933, subsection (c), the City Council has reviewed the 2011-2012 Grand Jury Final Report. In preparing this response, information and input was obtained from various sources, including the City Administrator. In response to the Grand Jury Final Report released June 29, 2012, the City Council unanimously approved the following response in a public session of its duly noticed meeting held on September 4, 2012.

FINDINGS

F1. The City Administrator, City Attorney, and other City management staff are performing their duties admirably and in the best interests of the City of Oroville.

Response: Agree.

F2. The City of Oroville has corrected deficiencies identified in the 2009-2010 Grand Jury report.

Response: Agree.

F3. During Oroville City Council meetings, City Council members were well informed, communicated well with one another, were cordial and helpful to the attending public, were engaging and courteous with City Staff, and performed in the interests of the City of Oroville.

Response: Agree.

F4. The City of Oroville Goals and Objectives Workshop conducted in May of 2011 sets a high standard and is a model that could be utilized by other governmental agencies.

Response: Agree.

F5. City of Oroville administration had a history of failing to update the Local Appointments List.

Response: Disagree in part.

The City learned that it did not have an accurate, updated Local Appointments List as part of the 2009-2010 Grand Jury investigation. However, the City has corrected the issue and the Local Appointments List is regularly updated by the City Clerk.

F6. A negative financial impact may be incurred by the City of Oroville due to future loss of RDA funding.

Response: Disagree in part.

With the elimination of Redevelopment Agencies across the State of California, the City has certainly lost a resource that it utilized to eliminate blight in the City's Redevelopment Area. However, the City is fiscally sound. The City will continue to monitor its fiscal affairs to ensure that the City remains on solid financial ground.

F7. The City has taken action to ensure compliance with the occupancy limit applicable to the Cleantech facility near the Oroville Municipal Airport

Response: Agreed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- R1. That the City of Oroville conduct both announced and unannounced inspections of the Cleantech Innovation Center to ensure that all ALUC safety, building occupancy limits and zoning code requirements and regulations are being followed.

Response: Implemented.

The City endeavors to follow all zoning codes and regulations. It is the custom and practice of the City to investigate violations of and enforce zoning and occupancy loads, which includes both announced and unannounced inspections.

- R2. That the Local Appointments List receive an annual review as required by California law, that appointments be made in a timely manner, and that the List be maintained with a higher priority than it has received in the past.

Response: Implemented.

The City has directed the City Clerk to retain and assure the accuracy of the Local Appointments List.

- R3. That not less than every two years the City Administrator, City Attorney and the members of the Oroville City Council conduct a Goals and Objectives Workshop with the same focus on defining 'Core Values' and emphasizing ethics that was applied in the 2011 Workshop.

Response: Implemented.

The City has established the Goals and Objectives Workshop as part of the City's overall annual budgeting process. The City is committed to implement the Goals and Objectives Workshop in the future to guide the City in meeting the needs of its citizens.

- R4. That the City of Oroville share its Goals and Objectives Workshop model and method with other governmental entities.

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Response: Implemented.

The City will share its Goals and Objectives Workshop model with any public agency who requests it from the City.

Respectfully submitted,

City Council of the City of Oroville, California


Linda Dahlmeier, Mayor

cc: Oroville City Council
Pat Clark, Interim City Administrator
Scott E. Huber, City Attorney