August 4, 2015

Glenda Sanders, Honorable Presiding Judge
Orange County Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Honorable Glenda Sanders, Presiding Judge:

This letter is in response to the 2014-2015 Orange County Grand Jury Report: "The Orange County Animal Shelter: the Facility, the Function, the Future." The Report requires the City of San Juan Capistrano to respond to Recommendation 4.

**Recommendation 4:** The 18 contracting cities need to review their long-term commitment to be part of Orange County Animal Care as opposed to pursuing animal-care opportunities on their own or joining with neighboring cities that have shelters. The contracting cities need to demand that the County provide them a viable plan with cost and schedule estimates for a new facility or facilities to evaluate as part of their commitment review.

**Response:** The City regularly reviews its commitment to the Orange County Animal Care and is evaluating possible alternatives to partner with neighboring agencies and non-profit organizations for animal control and shelter services. The City will consider the cost and schedule estimates for a new facility or facilities when this information is available from the County. Further, a regional shelter is needed to serve south Orange County and the area’s growing communities.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (949) 443-6315 or Tom Bokosky, Human Resources Manager at (949) 443-6321.

Sincerely,

Derek Reeve
Mayor