March 15, 2016

Mr. Peter Hersh, Foreperson
2015-2016 Orange County Grand Jury
Orange County Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

RE: Status Update Related to City of Irvine’s Response to Orange County Grand Jury Report “Irvine” Great Park: A Legacy of Hubris?”

Dear Mr. Hersh:

In response to your attached March 7, 2016 letter requesting an status update on two items raised in the Orange County Grand Jury Report, “‘Irvine’ Great Park: A Legacy Of Hubris?,” released June 30, 2015, I submit the following:

R.2. The City of Irvine should give serious consideration to dissolving the Orange County Great Park Corporation as it serves no intrinsic purpose (F 13).

On January 12, 2016 the City Council took up the Grand Jury’s recommendation to dissolve the Great Park Corporation. Following thoughtful consideration the City Council determined that the extraordinary responsibilities of the Great Park Board of Directors necessitates that separate time be set aside to ensure that proper attention is given to such matters, in addition to the many responsibilities associated with governance of one of America’s fastest growing and most successful cities.

R.7. The City of Irvine should create a master document that lays out all of the terms and conditions of the ALA, ARDA, ALA II contracts and alterations to the Master Plan and Land Use Agreements. These need to be consolidated into one document of record which clearly indicates each party’s obligations under the contract. (F7)
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The City anticipates completion of the indicated summary document by April 15, 2016, and will forward a copy of that document to the Grand Jury by that date.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Sean Joyce
City Manager

Attachment

cc: City Council
    Molly McLaughlin, City Clerk