November 29, 2016

Ms. Carrie L. Carmody, Foreperson
2016-2017 Orange County Grand Jury
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701


Dear Foreperson Carmody,

This letter is to clarify our original response to the 2015-16 Orange County Grand Jury Report entitled, "Drones: Know Before You Fly" and to provide supplemental information to identify timeframes for implementation as requested and pursuant to PC 933.05(b)(2).

Below are the two items under Recommendations R.3 and R.9 which you’ve identified as being deficient regarding timelines and the requested information:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Grand Jury Recommendation 3 (R.3): Each City should inform its citizens about laws and ordinances that apply to recreational drone operators through print media, city-related web sites, social media sites and/or public forums by March 31, 2017.

Response (R.3): The City of Placentia believes in providing as much information as possible as it relates to city news, laws, and city events to its citizens and those who work or travel within this community. With that in mind, it is not feasible to list everything that a person may or may not need information on through advertisements, web sites, or social media. This recommendation requires further analysis to determine the benefits of listing this information through the proposed methods prior to implementation. Prior to any decision being made on listing this information, the City will seek input to determine both the feasibility and cost to implement this recommendation. The City plans on completing its analysis on this matter and implementing any action by March 31, 2017.

Grand Jury Recommendation 9 (R.9): The County and each City should formally gather data on recreational drone incidents within their jurisdictions and review these data annually and report the results publicly. The first analysis and publication should occur within 1 year of the publication of this report.

Response (R.9): Although the City does not "formally" gather data on drone incidents annually, the police department does keep information on the different calls generated by drone-related complaints. This recommendation would require further analysis to determine the benefits for
collecting such data and to what government entity it would be reported. Prior to implementing such a process, the City will request information from the County and other cities on the different variables of information that would be needed and how the data would be reported. *The City plans on completing its analysis on this matter and implementing any action by March 31, 2017.*

Thank you for affording us this opportunity to clarify our intentions in relation to our timelines for both recommendations of the Grand Jury. Should you have any questions or need explanation regarding the City’s responses contained herein, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (714) 993-8186.

Sincerely,

Jeremy B. Yamaguchi,
Mayor - City of Placentia

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