November 2, 2018

Charles Margines
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SUBJECT: Response to the 2017-18 Orange County Grand Jury Report with Follow-Up Items from Memo Dated October 18, 2018

Dear Judge Margines:

In response to your memo dated October 18, 2018 on items related to R1, R4, R8, and R9 of the 2017-18 Orange County Grand Jury report entitled, "Where There’s Will, There’s a Way: Housing Orange County’s Chronically Homeless":

RECOMMENDATIONS

R1. Orange County cities and the County should develop a Permanent Supportive Housing development plan, and should consider a plan structure similar to the proposal put forth by Association of California Cities – Orange County, that proportionally allocates sites among the cities. (F1, F2, F4, F7, F8)
Response: The City is working with the County of Orange to identify a potential site to incorporate some Permanent Supportive Housing as part of the City’s affordable housing project and is in negotiation with the property owner in Fountain Valley and housing developer. It is anticipated in the next six months that the decision makers of the proposed project will have plan to fulfill similar plan put forth by ACC-OC. The City is also in discussion with Central Service Planning Area to identify options and solutions for consideration. The City is also a member of ACC-OC and waiting to hear about the next step of AB 448 – Orange County Trust.

R4. Cities should ensure decision-makers fully participate in their region’s Service Planning Area meeting. (F1, F6, F8, F9)
Response: The City Manager, Assistant to the City Manager, and the Planning Director are participating in the Central Service Planning Area meetings and the City Manager is updating the City Council regularly. The region’s Service Planning Area anticipates in six months there will be a plan to develop a Permanent Supportive Housing development plan in the region. Additionally, City Manager Rob Houston, is a member of the Orange County City Manager’s Association who is currently working with U.S. District Court Judge Carter to inventory available housing and supportive services in the Central Service Planning Area.
R8. Such a decision-making body should develop a comprehensive, regional housing business plan that identifies both the number of Permanent Supportive Housing units needed as well as the associated costs of renovating existing units or building new ones. (F1, F2, F3, F4, F8, F9, F10) Response: Orange County City Managers’ Association and respective elected bodies are having dialogues and as a member of the ACC-OC the City of Fountain Valley are being updated on their process and we will participate as needed and present action(s) for City Council consideration. Anticipate activities in six months.

R9. Such a decision-making body should propose a plan for securing local, supplemental sources of funding for both Permanent Supportive Housing development and associated support services. (F1, F3, F8, F9, F10) Response: As a member of the ACC-OC, we are informed of their homeless issue efforts and affordable housing. We anticipate in six months, ACC-OC will have direction on Permanent Supportive Housing development and associated support services for Fountain Valley elected body to consider policy directions.

Should you have any questions about this letter, please contact Rob Houston, City Manager, at (714) 593-4410, or at rob.houston@fountainvalley.org.

Sincerely,

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