December 21, 2011

Orange County Grand Jury
c/o Diane Howard
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701


Dear Members of the Grand Jury:

The City of Westminster has completed all recommendations and required responses to the 2010 released Grand Jury Report titled “Disaster Preparedness: Is Orange County Ready?” In addition to the responses outlined in the previous communications to you in June 2011, the City has since accomplished the following:

- The City of Westminster held an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Training and Discussion-Based Table Top Exercise on August 31, 2011. The exercise included EOC activation and involved discussion of City department head level responsibilities during EOC activations. The Westminster Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers, the Westminster Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) and WPD field supervisors were active participants in all aspects of the exercise.

- The City of Westminster participated in a joint City/County EOC disaster exercise on October 1, 2011. The exploding natural gas pipeline scenario also included CERT and RACES.

- In addition to the above accomplishments, we have also installed several new emergency HAM radios and a WIN Link system into the EOC.

Please contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

MARGIE L. RICE
Mayor