



July 15, 2015

Glenda Sanders
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Judge Sanders:

In response to the Orange County Grand Jury report, *Joint Powers Authorities, Issues of Viability Control, Transparency, and Solvency* the following information is provided:

CODESP is a joint powers authority sanctioned by the State of California. Our members are public agencies. Most members are not located in Orange County, although our office is located in Orange County. CODESP was developed to provide a less expensive and more efficient process to hire public employees.

Customers pay a "subscription" fee on a yearly basis to access our online employee assessment materials and training. We do not receive any other outside funding.

We hold annual elections for our Board of Directors (chosen from our membership), we post our agendas on our website and we conduct our meetings following the Brown Act.

In response to the R3 Recommendations:

1. We have always had an outside audit.
2. The audit is posted on our website.
3. Our auditor: SILVA & SILVA CPAS submits our audit to the State Auditor and the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE). We contract with the OCDE to do our payroll and some accounting functions, but we are not employees of the OCDE.
4. We have never been asked to submit a copy of our audit to the Orange County Controller but we will instruct our auditors to begin this process if necessary.

Marianne Tonjes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Tonjes", is written over the printed name.

Executive Director

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