November 12, 2020

The Honorable Kirk Nakamura  
Presiding Jude of the Superior Court  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA. 92701


Dear Judge Nakamura,

In accordance with California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, the City of Placentia is responding to the findings and recommendations in the 2019-2020 Orange County Grand Jury report as follows:

Response to Findings

Finding #1: “Peer Support Programs are effective in helping Peace Officers develop healthy coping techniques for themselves and their families.”

The City of Placentia agrees with this finding.

Finding #3: “The benefits in the peer support statute, effective January 1, 2020, are important to Peace Officers and Peer Support Team Members.”

The City of Placentia agrees with this finding.

Finding #4: “It is important that Peer Support Team members receive periodic training.”

The City of Placentia agrees with this finding.

Finding #5: “Allocating a specific budget line item for Peer Support Programs help ensure adequate training and continuation of the programs.”

The City of Placentia agrees with this finding.
Finding #6: "Continuous communication to Peace Officers about the Peer Support Programs is important to increase awareness and use of the Peer Support Programs.

The City of Placentia agrees with the finding.

**Response to Recommendations**

Recommendation #2: "The 2019-2020 Orange County Grand Jury recommends that all Peer Support Programs be in compliance with the Peer Support Statute."

**The Placentia Police Department is in compliance with Assembly Bill No. 1117.**

Recommendation #3: "The 2019-2020 Orange County Grand Jury recommends that Peer Support Team members receive periodic training, and that completion of training is documented."

All members of the Placentia Police Department’s Peer Support Team receive periodic and on-going training. Completion of all training courses are documented as a matter of standard Department protocol.

Recommendation #4: "The 2019-2020 Orange County Grand Jury recommends that all law enforcement agencies allocate a specific budget line item for their Peer Support Program."

The City currently does not have a specific line item in the budget for the Peer Support Program, but the Police Department will be requesting it mid-year for the 20-21 budget.

Sincerely,

Damien R. Arrula  
City Administrator  
City of Placentia

cc: Chief of Police  
   Administrative Captain