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July 22, 2008

The Honorable Nancy Wieben Stock, Presiding Judge of the Superior Grand Jury
700 Civic Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Dear Judge Stock:

SUBJECT: 2007-2008 Orange County Grand Jury Report, "No County for Old Boomers – When Orange County Baby Boomers Retire, Where Will They Live?"

Thank you for the opportunity to review the 2007-2008 Orange County Grand Jury Report entitled, "No County for Old Boomers – When Orange County Baby Boomers Retire, Where Will They Live?"

Contain herein are the responses to Recommendations 1 through 4 as outlined in your letter dated April 25, 2008.

"R-1 Include the current and projected affordable senior housing inventory by type, location and cost in the 2008 and future years' development of the Housing Element."

Response to R-1:

The following table lists the senior housing units in the City of Placentia, based on the City's Development Plan Review applications and the 1998-2005 Housing Element:

Project	Address	Type	No. of Units	Cost*
Whelan Development	1112 Bradford Avenue	Senior Apartments	183	11,712,000
Emerald Isle	NWC of Rose Drive and Alta Vista Street	Active Senior Community (55 years and older)	422	35,439,184
Bradford Square Apartments	1180 N. Bradford Avenue	Senior Apartments	92	2,342,340
Warren Parchan	1121 Golden Avenue	Senior Apartments	16	1,130,000
Avalon	1176 N. Bradford Avenue	Group-Home (Alzheimer's Care)	21	875,000

* Source: City of Placentia Building Division/Department of Development Services.

“R-2 Include sufficient data in the Housing Element to acknowledge the imminent growth in the county’s aging population. This data is to include the current population and the growth trend of the aging baby boomer generation as well as the current median income and the income trend of the senior population.”

Response to R-2:

Please note that this information has been incorporated into Chapter 2 of the Housing Element. It includes data on the current population of the aging baby boomer generation, as well as the current median income of the senior population. The most current data available comes from the 2000 U.S. Census.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, 9.1 percent of the City of Placentia’s residents were elderly (age 65 and over).

Age Group	1990 Number	1990 Percent of Population*	2000 Number	2000 Percent of Population*
Preschool (0-4 years)	2,875	7%	3,382	7.2%
School (5-17 years)	7,717	18.7%	9,391	19.9%
Young Adult (18-24 years)	5,306	12.9%	4,356	9.2%
Prime Working (25-54 years)	19,084	46.3%	21,333	45.3%
Retirement (55-64 years)	3,441	8.3%	4,329	9.2%
Senior Citizen (65+ years)	2,836	6.9%	4,308	9.1%
TOTAL	41,259	100%	47,099	100%

*Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

Source: U.S. Census 1990 STF3, PO13, U.S. Census SF3, P8

“R-3 Put all Housing Elements online on each city’s website.”

Response to R-3:

Once the Housing Element is adopted by the City Council, it will be included on the City’s website.

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“R-4 Confer with developers to establish the needs for affordable senior housing and to encourage investment in future projects.”

Response to R-4:

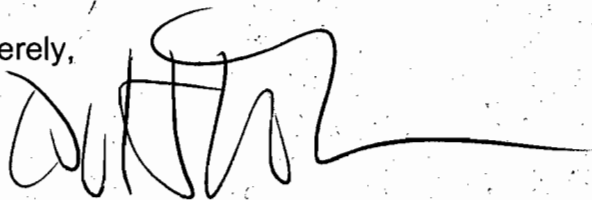
City staff will endeavor to work closely with developers to identify opportunities to provide affordable senior housing.

The Housing Element update includes a program objective for developing senior housing and that the “City shall encourage the development of a wide range of housing choices for seniors through incentives (e.g. financial assistance, parking reductions, regulatory waivers, etc.). These may include independent living, communities and assisted living facilities with on-site services and access to healthcare, nutrition, transportation and other appropriate services.”

On behalf of the citizens of the City of Placentia, I appreciate the work of the Grand Jury on this issue and welcome the opportunity to provide these comments.

Should you have any questions, or if you require additional information concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Raynald F. Pascua, Director of Development Services at (714) 993-8124.

Sincerely,



Scott W. Nelson
Mayor

C: Director of Development Services