

# CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS



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Judge Nancy Wieben-Stock  
Orange County Superior Court  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

**RE: ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT "OVERSIGHT OF  
ORANGE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES,  
RESOLVING A DICHOTOMY"**

Dear Judge Wieben-Stock:

On behalf of the Mayor of Los Alamitos, I am responding to the Orange County Grand Jury's request (as required by California Penal Code § 933 and § 933.05) for responses to certain elements of the Orange County Grand Jury Report, "Oversight of Orange County Law Enforcement Agencies, *Resolving a Dichotomy.*"

Response to Findings:

Finding 6.2 Independent Reviews of LEAs: Disagree. The City of Los Alamitos Police Department practices, policies and procedures are continually subject to the scrutiny of independent reviews. These reviews originate from both internal and external sources. These include audits by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, State and County agencies, attorneys, consultants and City staff.

Finding 6.3 Orange County is Changing: Agree. The County is continually growing and changing in socio-economic status and ethnic diversity which results in new challenges as law enforcement addresses constantly evolving crime trends.

Response to Recommendations:

Recommendation 7.2 Near-term, independent review of LEA policies, procedures, and compliance: This recommendation will not be implemented. The expenditure of funds for additional near-term independent reviews would be redundant to existing control mechanisms. I believe the policies put in place by the Los Alamitos Police Department already rise to the level of best practices.

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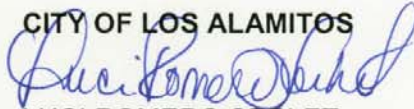
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Recommendation 7.3 Periodic, independent review of LEA compliance to policies and procedures: This recommendation will not be implemented for the same reason stated in recommendation 7.2. The current internal and external systems of checks and balances in place are functioning effectively and there is no evidence to suggest that there is a need for costly, additional reviews as recommended by the Orange County Grand Jury. I believe that the independent legal reviews that the Los Alamitos Police Department currently utilizes provide effective guidance consistent with the level of best practices.

On behalf of the citizens of Los Alamitos, I would like to thank the Orange County Grand Jury for their dedicated service and for the opportunity to respond to the recommendations in the 2005/2006 report, "Oversight of Orange County Law Enforcement Agencies, *Resolving a Dichotomy.*"

Sincerely,

**CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS**  
  
LUCI ROMERO SERLET  
City Manager

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cc: Michael McCrary, Police Chief