

County Executive Office

April 7, 2025

Honorable Maria D. Hernandez Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California 700 Civic Center Drive West Santa Ana, CA 92701

Subject: "Is Voting Integrity Alive and Well in Orange County?" Grand Jury Response

Dear Judge Hernandez:

Per your request, and in accordance with Penal Code 933, please find the County of Orange response to the subject report as approved by the Board of Supervisors. The respondents are the Orange County Board of Supervisors and the County Executive Office.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Fernandez of the County Executive Office at 714-834-7219.

Sincerely,

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Michelle Aguirre

Interim County Executive Officer

Enclosure

cc: 2024-25 Orange County Grand Jury Foreman
Lisa Fernandez, Director of Performance Management and Policy
Elizabeth Guillen-Merchant, Director of Performance Management and Policy



RESPONSES TO FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS 2024-25 GRAND JURY REPORT

Is Voting Integrity Alive and Well in Orange County?

SUMMARY RESPONSE STATEMENT

On January 7, 2025, the Grand Jury released a report entitled "Is Voting Integrity Alive and Well in Orange County?". This report directed responses to findings and recommendations to the Orange County Board of Supervisors and the Orange County Registrar of Voters. The responses are below:

FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

F1. There was no evidence of fraud or election interference ascertained in the 2024 general election in Orange County.

RESPONSE: 1. Agrees with the finding.

F2. Voting in Orange County is fair, secure, and transparent.

RESPONSE: 1. Agrees with the finding.

F3. The ROV communications and outreach programs promote transparency and public confidence in the voting process. Orange County eligible voters can feel secure in knowing that the ROV provided an election of the highest recognized standards.

RESPONSE: 1. Agrees with the finding.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESPONSES - NOT APPLICABLE FOR THIS REPORT

Agenda Item



AGENDA STAFF REPORT

ASR Control 25-000092

MEETING DATE:

03/11/25

LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION:

Board of Supervisors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT(S):

All Districts

SUBMITTING AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:

County Executive Office (Approved)

DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S):

Bob Page (714) 567-7637

Lisa Fernandez (714) 834-7219

SUBJECT: "Is Voting Integrity Alive and Well in Orange County?" Grand Jury Response

CEO CONCUR

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW

CLERK OF THE BOARD

Concur

No Legal Objection

Discussion

3 Votes Board Majority

Budgeted: N/A

Current Year Cost: N/A

Annual Cost: N/A

Staffing Impact:

No

of Positions:

Sole Source: N/A

Current Fiscal Year Revenue: N/A

Funding Source:

N/A

County Audit in last 3 years: No

Levine Act Review Completed: N/A

Prior Board Action:

N/A

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

1. Approve proposed response to FY 2024-25 Grand Jury Report entitled, "Is Voting Integrity Alive and Well in Orange County?"

2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to forward this Agenda Staff Report with attachments to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court and the FY 2024-25 Grand Jury no later than April 7, 2025.

SUMMARY:

Approval of proposed response to FY 2024-25 Grand Jury Report entitled "Is Voting Integrity Alive and Well in Orange County?" will fulfill the County's required response to the Grand Jury.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On January 7, 2025, the Orange County Grand Jury released a report entitled "Is Voting Integrity Alive and Well in Orange County?". The report directed responses to findings and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Attachment B is the County's proposed response to the Grand Jury.