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Orange County Grand Jury
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

**RE: CITY OF VILLA PARK RESPONSE TO THE 2024-2025 ORANGE COUNTY
GRAND JURY REPORT, “LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO SHORT-TERM
RENTALS”**

On behalf of the City of Villa Park, I am pleased to respond to the Grand Jury’s report regarding short-term rentals in Orange County cities. The City of Villa Park provides the following responses:

Finding F1: Despite the increasing media coverage of Online Booking Agencies (OBAs), STRs are not a new phenomenon in Orange County.

City Response: The City agrees with the finding based on the information provided by the Grand Jury Report. However, the City does not have the resources or staffing to independently verify the findings.

Finding F2: The Steady growth of STR usage in the last decade raises concerns of potential public nuisance.

City Response: The City agrees with the finding based on the information provided by the Grand Jury Report. However, the City does not have the resources or staffing to independently verify the findings.

Finding F3: Even with robust Code Enforcement, a city’s statutory ban on STRs is not enough to keep STRs from opening.

City Response: The City agrees with the finding based on the information provided by the Grand Jury Report. However, the City does not have the resources or staffing to independently verify the findings.

Finding F12: City leaders have no regular communication with each other concerning STR issues, limiting opportunities to develop strategies and expertise to improve service.

City Response: The City agrees with the finding based on the information provided by the Grand Jury Report. However, the City does not have the resources or staffing to independently verify the findings.

Recommendation R1: *Cities should review and begin to update ordinances to keep up with the rapidly changing nature of court findings and legislation related to STRs, by December 31, 2025, and no less frequently than every three years thereafter.*

City Response: The recommendation has been implemented. The city reviews these ordinances regarding STRs every year.

Recommendation R2: *Cities should consider developing a plan for upcoming major events that are expected to create a surge in demand for STRs and its associated Transient Occupancy Tax, by December 31, 2025, and no less frequently than every two years thereafter.*

City Response: The recommendation has not been implemented. The City enforces an STR ban. However, the City will support the effort of others.

Recommendation R9: *City leaders should have regular discussions with each other to share STR management strategies on biannual basis commencing no later than January 1, 2026.*

City Response: The recommendation has not yet been implemented. The City has had limited discussion surrounding STRs at ACC-OC and the League of Cities. However, this has been infrequent. The City is willing to participate as appropriate.

Sincerely,

THE CITY OF VILLA PARK

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicol Jones", written over a horizontal line.

Nicol Jones
Mayor