

July 14, 2026

Honorable Sheila F. Hanson
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California
Orange County Grand Jury
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

RE: City of Buena Park Response to Grand Jury Report – “Connecting Orange County to LAX: Evaluating Transportation Options”

To Whom it May Concern:

The City of Buena Park City Council Members have reviewed the Orange County Grand Jury's report entitled, “Connecting Orange County to LAX: Evaluating Transportation Options.” Below are the City of Buena Park's responses to the aforementioned report:

FINDINGS:

F1 **Several Orange County locations meet the criteria for express bus pick-up sites, being approximately twenty-five miles from LAX and near major freeways. These locations are Fullerton Park & Ride, Buena Park Mall, and the former Westminster Mall.**

Response: **The City of Buena Park partially agrees with this finding.** The Buena Park Mall is located 29.4 miles from LAX. While the Buena Park Mall could be a viable location, the site is on private property where a large-scale housing development is currently under construction. The City believes there may be other locations closer to public transit, hotels, and other amenities, such as the Buena Park Metrolink Station, that could be a better fit for an express bus pick-up site.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

R2 **By September 30, 2026, the Buena Park City Council should direct its Planning Department to collaborate with Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) on a business case study for FlyAway® or similar services from the Buena Park Mall site (Village at Buena Park) to LAX, with a case study submitted to LAWA. This study should include projected ridership, financial sustainability, infrastructure readiness, and community benefits to support funding of the proposed service. [F1]**

Response: This recommendation will be implemented by September 30, 2026. The City will direct the Planning Division to collaborate with OCTA and LAWA on a business case study for Fly Away or similar services from Buena Park Mall to LAX, with a case study submitted to LAWA.

Thank you for providing the City of Buena Park the opportunity to respond to this report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. France', with a stylized, flowing script.

Aaron France
City Manager

cc: Buena Park City Council
Christopher G. Cardinale, City Attorney