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August 24, 2026

SENT VIA E-MAIL PIO@occourts.org & COURIER

The Honorable Sheila F. Hanson,
Presiding Judge
Orange County Superior Court
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Subject: Request for Extension of Time to Respond to Civil Grand Jury Report: “PFAS and Public Awareness, A Closer Look at Orange County Drinking Water, Orange County Grand Jury 2025-2026”

Honorable Presiding Judge Hanson:

The City of Santa Ana respectfully requests a brief one-month extension of time to submit the City's formal responses to the Orange County Civil Grand Jury reports: “PFAS and Public Awareness, A Closer Look at Orange County Drinking Water, Orange County Grand Jury 2025-2026” released on June 9, 2026. Penal Code § 933(c) requires the City Council to submit its comments on the findings and recommendations of these reports within 90 days of their public submission, establishing a deadline for the City of Santa Ana to submit its response by September 7, 2026.

The City takes its oversight responsibilities seriously and fully intends to provide comprehensive, compliant responses that conform to the formatting mandates of Penal Code § 933.05. By this letter, the City respectfully submits that it has “good cause” to request this limited extension due to administrative constraints to the City related to the scheduled cancellation of two (2) City Council meetings - August 18, and September 8, 2026 - which fall right before the aforementioned deadline.

California law requires the governing body of a public agency to agendize this matter and publicly discuss and vote on its official response to a Grand Jury report in an open session. Further, to ensure the City Council can execute its public vetting process transparently and provide the high

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quality, analysis required by Penal Code§ 933.05, the City respectfully requests a uniform extension until October 8, 2026.

If you or your staff require any further information, please contact my office directly at (714) 647-5200.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Foreperson, Orange County Civil Grand Jury
Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers, City of Santa Ana
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