



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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Response to Grand Jury Report Titled “San Diego City Street Repair, Funding, and Reforms”

OVERVIEW

On April 24, 2012, the San Diego County Grand Jury filed a report with the San Diego Mayor and City Council entitled “San Diego City Street Repair, Funding, and Reforms.” The goal of the report was to address a number of issues related to public complaints concerning the City’s management of its street repair backlog, particularly relating to street improvements and capital investments. The City’s management of street repairs has been an ongoing issue for the Grand Jury which issued reports with recommendations for improvements in 2005/2006 and 2006/2007.

The Grand Jury Report included ten findings and six recommendations. Of the six recommendations, five were directed to the Mayor and City Council and one was directed to the Mayor. The Mayor and City Council are required to provide comments to the Presiding Judge of the San Diego Superior Court on each of the findings and recommendations relating to their respective items in the Grand Jury Report within ninety days on July 25, 2012. This report presents the City Council’s response as recommended by the IBA and incorporates comments provided in a separate memorandum from Council Member Todd Gloria (included as Attachment 3).

The IBA has obtained a copy of the Mayor’s draft responses to each of the findings and recommendations. For each finding and recommendation directed to the City Council, the Council may (1) join the Mayor’s response; (2) respond with a modification to the Mayor’s response; or (3) respond independently of the Mayor.

In responding to each Grand Jury finding, the City is required to either (1) agree with the finding or (2) disagree wholly or partially with the finding. Responses to Grand Jury recommendations must indicate that the recommendation (1) has been implemented; (2) has not yet been implemented, but will be in the future; (3) requires further analysis; or (4) will not be

implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable. Explanations for responses are requested when applicable.

Of the 15 items directed to the City Council included in the Mayor’s response, the IBA recommends that the City Council joins the Mayor’s response for twelve items, and respond independently from the mayor for three items.


The table below provides a summary of the IBA’s recommendations.

Recommendations: Findings:	12-16, 12-17, 12-19 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08,10	<i>Join the Mayor’s Response</i>
Recommendations: Findings:	12-15, 12-18 09	<i>Respond Independently of the Mayor</i>

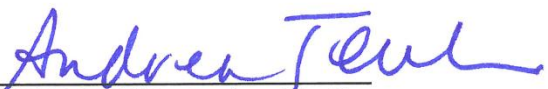
The full text of the Mayor’s responses and the IBA’s recommended responses on behalf of the City Council can be found in Attachment 1 to this report.

It should be noted that historically, the IBA has not included background on issues or corrections to facts in its recommended responses to Grand Jury reports. However, in this case we felt it was warranted to ensure that accurate and updated information was provided on the City’s street maintenance and deferred capital programs.

At the time this report was released, the Mayor’s responses were still in draft form. Should any further changes be made to the Mayor’s responses, the proposed Council responses will be reevaluated and amended accordingly.



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Attachments:

1. Recommended City Council Responses to Findings and Recommendations in San Diego County Grand Jury Report entitled “San Diego City Street Repair, Funding, and Reforms”
2. San Diego County Grand Jury Report entitled San Diego City Street Repair, Funding, and Reforms”
3. Memorandum from Council Member Todd Gloria “Response to Grand Jury Report on Road Conditions”