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Proposed City Council Policy: Implementation of Accepted Grand Jury Recommendations

During the City Council meeting of September 22, 2014, the Council approved responses to a Grand Jury report regarding the implementation of Grand Jury recommendations that have been accepted by the City – which will be further discussed below. Additionally, the City Council requested that a working group begin development of a City Council Policy addressing the implementation of accepted Grand Jury recommendations. This working group includes the IBA's Office, Council President's Office, the ED&IR Committee Consultant, Mayor's Office and City Attorney's Office. The working group has collaborated on the proposed City Council Policy, which is included as Attachment 1 to this report.

BACKGROUND

On May 21, 2014, the San Diego County Grand Jury filed a report, which was directed to both the Mayor and the San Diego City Council, entitled "Say What You'll Do and Then Do What You Say: Past Grand Jurors Association Implementation Review Committee." This Grand Jury report discusses ensuring transparency and accountability with respect to the implementation of Grand Jury recommendations that have been accepted by the City. Pursuant to California Penal Code section 933(c), the Mayor and Council were required to provide comments to the Presiding Judge of the San Diego Superior Court for each of the Grand Jury report's findings and recommendations that were directed to the City.

On July 30, 2014 the IBA presented two proposed response alternatives for the Grand Jury report to the Economic Development and Intergovernmental Relations (ED&IR) Committee. (IBA report 14-30 contained these two alternatives.) The ED&IR Committee requested that the two alternatives be combined into one proposed response, and that the item be moved forward to the full City Council with a recommendation for approval. The revised proposed response is included within Attachment 2 to this report (IBA report 14-30REV). As stated above, this response was approved by the City Council on September 22, 2014 as a joint response from the Mayor and City Council; and it was delivered to the Superior Court on October 17, 2014.

NEXT STEPS

The attached proposed City Council Policy outlines the process for monitoring the implementation status of accepted Grand Jury recommendations. It addresses the manner in which the City will communicate status updates to the Council and the public: which includes public hearings at Council Committees for Council accepted Grand Jury recommendations and website posting of Grand Jury reports, City responses and status updates. The working group which collaborated on this proposed Council Policy requests the ED&IR Committee provide feedback and direction on the proposed policy and move the item forward to the full City Council.

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Attachments:

- 1. Proposed Council Policy 000-33: Implementation of Accepted Grand Jury Recommendations
- 2. IBA report 14-30REV (Revised Proposed Response to San Diego County Grand Jury Report Entitled "Say What You'll Do and Then Do What You Say: Past Grand Jurors Association Implementation Review Committee")