Response to Grand Jury Report Titled "San Diego City Development Services Department: Professionals in a Maze"

On April 16, 2008 the San Diego County Grand Jury issued a report to the Mayor and the City Council entitled "San Diego City Development Services Department: Professionals in a Maze." The report's purpose is to "describe various areas of the Development Services Department (DSD) procedures that seem to be overly complex and that need reorganization and simplification." The report includes three findings and nine recommendations.

The City Council is required to provide comments to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on all of the findings and eight of the nine recommendations included in the Grand Jury Report by July 15, 2008. The Mayor is required to provide responses on each of the findings, but for only four of the recommendations. The Development Services Department is also required to respond to three of the recommendations. Due to the citywide nature of the topic involved, the Mayor has elected to respond to each and every finding, recommendation and a few of the facts. For each item that the Council must respond to, the Council may join the Mayor's response, modify the Mayor's response, or respond independently. This report presents the Council's responses as recommended by the IBA.

The IBA recommends that the City Council adopt the following as its' response to the Grand Jury Reports:

Recommendation:	08-28, 08-29, 08-30, 08-31, 08-35, 08-36	*Join the Mayor's Response*
Findings:	1, 2, 3	
Recommendation:	None	*Modify the Mayor's Response*
Finding:	None	
Recommendation:	08-33, 08-34	*Respond Independently*
Finding:	None	

The full text of the Mayor's responses that include recommended changes from the IBA can be found in the attachment to this report.

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