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Response to Grand Jury Report Titled “Waste Not, Want Not – Recycle Now!”

On May 8, 2008 the San Diego County Grand Jury issued a report to the Mayor and the City Council entitled “Waste Not, Want Not – Recycle Now!” The Grand Jury Report, which examines the City’s recycling efforts, including the recently-approved Construction and Demolition Ordinance and City Recycling Ordinance, includes 17 findings and 12 recommendations. Both the Mayor and the City Council are required to provide comments to the Presiding Judge of the San Diego Superior Court on each of the findings and recommendations made in the Grand Jury Report by August 6, 2008. This report presents the City Council’s response as recommended by the IBA.

In preparing these recommended responses, the IBA has worked in coordination with the Mayor’s Office and staff from the Environmental Services Department, who drafted responses on behalf of the Mayor. For each finding and recommendation, the City Council may either join the Mayor’s response, respond with a modification of the Mayor’s response, or respond independently of the Mayor. Of the 29 items presented in the Grand Jury Report, the IBA recommends that the City Council join the Mayor’s response on 27 items, and respond independently of the Mayor on only two, as reflected in the table below.

Findings:	1-10, 12-17	<i>Join the Mayor's Response</i>
Recommendations:	08-43, 08-44, 08-45, 08-46, 08-47, 08-49, 08-50, 08-51, 08-53 08-54	
Finding:	11	<i>Respond Independently of the the Mayor</i>
Recommendation:	08-52	

The full text of the Mayor's responses, and the recommended responses independent of the Mayor, can be found in the attachment to this report.

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