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Response to Grand Jury Report Titled “A Warmer World – A Challenge and an Opportunity”

On May 8, 2008 the San Diego County Grand Jury issued a report to local elected officials entitled “A Warmer World – A Challenge and an Opportunity.” The Report was directed to City of San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders, the San Diego City Council, Chula Vista Mayor Cheryl Cox, the Chula Vista City Council, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Board of Directors.

The purpose of the Grand Jury Report was to call attention to the impact of climate change in the San Diego region, review policies and practices in regard to greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction, and to suggest ways that local governments can positively affect climate change. It contains a total of 11 findings and nine recommendations. Of those, three findings and three recommendations are directed at the City of San Diego. Both the Mayor and the City Council were required to provide comment to the Presiding Judge of the San Diego Superior Court on each of the findings and recommendations directed at the City of San Diego in the Grand Jury Report by August 21, 2008. The Mayor’s responses were issued on August 8, 2008; however, due to the City Council’s legislative calendar, the Presiding Judge granted an extension for the City Council’s response to September 12, 2008. This report presents the City Council’s response as recommended by the IBA.

The Mayor’s responses to the findings and recommendations were issued on August 8, 2008. 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. The table below provides a summary of the IBA’s recommendations.

Recommendation:	08-70	<i>Join the Mayor's Response</i>
Findings:	2, 3	
Recommendation:	08-71	<i>Respond with Modification of the Mayor's Response</i>
Recommendation:	08-69	<i>Respond Independently of the Mayor</i>
Finding:	1	

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

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Attachment