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Response to Grand Jury Report Titled “San Diego City Attorney’s Office”

On June 4, 2008 the San Diego County Grand Jury issued a report to the Mayor and the City Council entitled “San Diego City Attorney’s Office”. The stated purpose of the Grand Jury Report is twofold: first, to examine whether the role of the City Attorney, as defined in the San Diego City Charter, serves the public in the 21st century as well as it did when the charter was adopted seventy-seven years ago; and second, to examine whether some of the approximately 135 Deputy City Attorneys should be changed to Classified Civil Service positions.

The Grand Jury Report includes four findings and two 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 within ninety days. However, due to the legislative calendar of the City Council, Council President Peters requested an extension to the date for the City Council to respond to September 19, 2008. This report presents the City Council’s response as recommended by the IBA.

In preparing these recommended responses, the IBA worked in coordination with the Mayor’s Office. For each finding and recommendation, the City Council may 1) join the Mayor’s response; 2) respond with a modification of the Mayor’s response; or 3) respond independently of the Mayor.

Of the six items included in the Mayor’s response, the IBA recommends that the City Council join the Mayor’s response on all six items. The table below provides a summary of the IBA’s recommendations.

Findings:	1, 2, 3, 4	<i>Join the Mayor's Response</i>
Recommendations:	08-122, 08-123	<i>Join the Mayor's Response</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 the attachment to this report.

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Attachments:

- 1) Recommended City Council Responses to Findings and Recommendations in Grand Jury Report "San Diego City Attorney's Office"
- 2) San Diego County Grand Jury Report "San Diego City Attorney's Office"