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# Response to Grand Jury Report Titled “Qualcomm Stadium”

On May 19, 2010 the San Diego County Grand Jury filed a report titled “Qualcomm Stadium.” The Grand Jury report reviews the history of the stadium’s construction and renovation, highlights current operational funding issues, and considers a number of implications for the potential construction of a new football stadium.

The Grand Jury report included 11 findings and three recommendations. Both the Mayor and the City Council are required to respond to each of the findings and recommendations. Due to Legislative Recess, the Council President requested an extension of the August 19 due date for the Council’s response, which was granted by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. The Council’s response to the Grand Jury report is now due by October 1, 2010.

The IBA has obtained a copy of the Mayor’s draft responses to each of the findings and recommendations. For each item, the Council may join the Mayor’s response, respond with a modification of the Mayor’s response, or respond independently. In responding to each Grand Jury finding, the City is required to either 1) agree with the finding or 2) disagree wholly or partially with the finding. Responses to Grand Jury recommendations must indicate that the recommendation 1) has been implemented; 2) has not yet been implemented, but will be in the future; 3) requires further analysis; or 4) will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable. Explanations for responses are requested when applicable.

This item was presented to the Rules Committee on September 8, 2010. The Rules Committee voted 5-0 to adopt the IBA’s proposed responses, with an amendment to the proposed response to Finding #8. The table below reflects the recommended approach to

the Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations, including the amendment by the Rules Committee.

Findings:	1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11	<b><i>Join the Mayor's Response</i></b>
Recommendations:	10-44, 10-45, 10-46	
Finding:	8	<b><i>Modify Mayor's Response</i></b>
Findings:	3, 5, 10	<b><i>Respond Independently of the Mayor</i></b>

The full text of the Mayor’s draft responses and the proposed Council responses, including the Rules Committee amendment, can be found in the attachment to this report. As anticipated, the Mayor’s response to Finding #3 has been revised, and a few non-substantive changes have been made on the Mayor’s responses to a number of other items. These changes are also included in the attachment. The proposed responses to Findings #5 and #10 are based on independent research conducted by the IBA.

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Attachment