



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST REPORT

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Response to Grand Jury Report

“Say What You’ll Do and Then Do What You Say: Past Grand Jurors Association Implementation Review Committee”

OVERVIEW

On May 21, 2014, the San Diego County Grand Jury filed a report, which was directed to both the Mayor and the San Diego City Council, entitled “Say What You’ll Do and Then Do What You Say: Past Grand Jurors Association Implementation Review Committee.” This Grand Jury report discusses ensuring transparency and accountability with respect to the implementation of Grand Jury recommendations that have been accepted by the City.

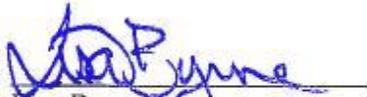
The Grand Jury Report included four findings and two recommendations. Only one of the recommendations was directed to the Mayor and City Council (the other recommendation applies to the San Diego County Office of Education); and only one finding applies specifically to the City.

Per the Grand Jury report, the Mayor and Council are required to provide comments to the Presiding Judge of the San Diego Superior Court on each of the findings and recommendations directed to the City within 90 days, on August 19, 2014. However, due to the Council recess in August, the Council President’s office has requested and received an extension for such responses to October 17, 2014.

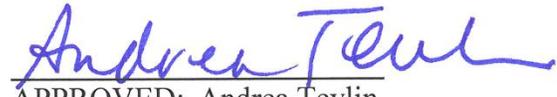
In responding to each Grand Jury finding, the City is required to either (1) agree with the finding or (2) disagree wholly or partially with the finding. Responses to Grand Jury recommendations must indicate that the recommendation (1) has been implemented; (2) has not yet been implemented, but will 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.

Two proposed response alternatives are presented for your consideration in Attachments 1 and 2 to this report. Alternative 1 provides for a Council Committee review process to assess the implementation status of accepted recommendations for past Grand Jury reports. Alternative 2 involves a process for direct website posting of implementation status by the appropriate departments (on a newly established webpage), and it was suggested to our office by Councilmember Sherman's Office. Both of these approaches would provide more transparency regarding implementation of Grand Jury recommendations that have been accepted by the City. A combination of elements in the two alternatives could also be considered.

The IBA has had discussions with the Mayor's Office on the alternative proposed responses, with the idea of submitting a joint Council/Mayoral response to the Grand Jury report. Accordingly, we have drafted the two alternative responses as joint responses. However, we will await the pending discussions for the final determination.



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Attachments:

1. Alternative 1 – Proposed City Council Response to San Diego County Grand Jury Report Entitled “Say What You’ll Do and Then Do What You Say: Past Grand Jurors Association Implementation Review Committee”
2. Alternative 2 – Proposed City Council Response to San Diego County Grand Jury Report Entitled “Say What You’ll Do and Then Do What You Say: Past Grand Jurors Association Implementation Review Committee”
3. San Diego County Grand Jury Report entitled “Say What You’ll Do and Then Do What You Say: Past Grand Jurors Association Implementation Review Committee”