



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST REPORT

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Proposed Response to Grand Jury Report “Give Me Shelter: An Inquiry Into the First Year of Operation of Connections Housing”

OVERVIEW

On May 28, 2014, the San Diego County Grand Jury filed a report entitled “Give Me Shelter: An Inquiry Into the First Year of Operation of Connections Housing”. The report examined the first year of operations of the Connections Housing program and discusses concerns regarding day to day operations and suggestions to ensure budget transparency.

The Grand Jury Report included eleven findings and eleven recommendations. All of the recommendations were directed to the City Council. The Council is required to provide comments to the Presiding Judge of the San Diego Superior Court on each of the findings and recommendations within 90 days, or August 27, 2014. As August 27th fell during Council’s summer recess, the Court granted a requested extension to October 31, 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 whether 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.

Per a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of San Diego and the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC), SDHC administers the contract with People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) to operate Connections Housing on behalf of the City of San Diego. The City Council does not direct the day-to-day operations of Connections Housing. Our office has provided input and worked collaboratively with Housing Commission staff and City staff in the Economic Development Department to develop a proposed response for the City Council (see Attachment 1). Additionally, although the Mayor’s Office is not required to respond to this

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Grand Jury Report, our office also provided an opportunity for the Mayor's Office to review the proposed responses.



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Attachments:

1. Proposed Response to San Diego County Grand Jury Report Entitled "Give Me Shelter: An Inquiry Into the First Year of Operation of Connections Housing"
2. San Diego County Grand Jury Report entitled "Give Me Shelter: An Inquiry Into the First Year of Operation of Connections Housing"