

CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
COUNCIL POLICY

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCEPTED GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS

POLICY NO.: 000-33

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____, 20XX

BACKGROUND:

The City of San Diego, pursuant to California Penal Code section 933(c), is required to provide responses to findings and recommendations contained in San Diego County Grand Jury reports that are directed to the City.

The Grand Jury is tasked with investigating governmental programs and their operations. Members are nominated by Superior Court Judges and have one-year terms beginning July 1. Below are the Mission and Vision Statements for the Grand Jury. Additional information about the San Diego County Grand Jury can be found at <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/grandjury/>.

Mission Statement:

Representing the citizens of San Diego County by investigating, evaluating, and reporting on the actions of local governments and special districts.

Vision Statement:

Enhancing our community by creating a collaborative, cooperative environment leading to improved performance of public agencies within San Diego County.

PURPOSE:

This policy sets forth a process to monitor the implementation status of accepted Grand Jury recommendations.

POLICY:

The City intends to provide enhanced transparency and accountability with respect to implementation of accepted Grand Jury recommendations. The City will communicate status updates to the Council and the public through:

- Public hearings at City Council Committees which will review the implementation status.
- Posting Grand Jury reports, City responses and status updates on a *Grand Jury Reports* page on the City's website.

PROCESS:

- I. City Council Committees will review the implementation status of Council accepted Grand Jury recommendations.
 - a. The department responsible for implementing Council accepted Grand Jury recommendations will also be responsible for tracking and follow-up on the implementation status.

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- i. In most cases the Mayor's Office will oversee departments in the docketing of these status updates with the appropriate Council Committee.
 - ii. In the cases where independent departments are responsible for implementation, the independent departments will assume responsibility for docketing status updates with the appropriate Committee.
 - iii. In the cases where the City Council is responsible for implementation, the Office of the Independent Budget Analyst will assume responsibility for docketing status updates with the appropriate Committee.
 - b. The responsible department will work with the appropriate Council Committee Consultant and Chair (based on the subject matter and purview of the Council Committees as outlined in the Permanent Rules of Council) to determine the Committee meeting date upon which a status update will be heard.
 - i. The first target date will be approximately one year after the original Grand Jury responses were approved by the Council. Thereafter, status updates should be reviewed at least annually by the appropriate Committee until the implementation of the accepted Grand Jury recommendations is completed or otherwise resolved.
 - ii. Grand Jury implementation status reports will be posted on the appropriate Council Committee website (on the Committee agenda) along with the original Grand Jury reports.
 - iii. The Council Committee may request additional follow-up or actions, as determined appropriate.
 - iv. Attendance and participation by Past Grand Jurors Association members will be encouraged. Interested Past Grand Jurors Association members may request to receive Committee agendas and docket materials through Committee email distribution lists for all Council Committees.
- II. City administration will create and maintain a *Grand Jury Reports* page on the City's website.
 - a. The webpage will include Grand Jury reports directed to the City (including reports directed to the Mayor only), as well as the City responses to the Grand Jury, effective with fiscal year 2013/2014 Grand Jury reports.
 - b. Updates on implementation status will be posted to the webpage at least annually.