



Agenda Item

Orange City Council

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File #: 26-0462

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THRU: Jarad Hildenbrand, City Manager

FROM: Nathalie Adourian, City Attorney

1. SUBJECT

Response to the 2025-2026 Orange County Grand Jury Report, "California Housing Mandates: The Unintended Reshaping of Orange County Neighborhoods"

2. SUMMARY

The 2025-2026 Orange County Grand Jury issued a report entitled "California Housing Mandates: The Unintended Reshaping of Orange County Neighborhoods." The City of Orange is required to respond to certain findings and recommendations contained in the report. The City's proposed response is presented to the City Council for consideration and approval.

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve the City of Orange response to the 2025-2026 Orange County Grand Jury Report, "California Housing Mandates: The Unintended Reshaping of Orange County Neighborhoods," and authorize the Mayor to execute the response on behalf of the City Council.

4. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Goal 3: Enhance Public Communication Strategy and Quality of Life

6. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND

The 2025-2026 Orange County Grand Jury issued the report "California Housing Mandates: The Unintended Reshaping of Orange County Neighborhoods," which includes findings and recommendations directed to cities and other public agencies throughout Orange County. The City of Orange is required to respond to Findings F1, F2, F4 through F12 and Recommendations R7, R8, R9, R11, R12, R14, R15, and R16.

Pursuant to California Penal Code Sections 933 and 933.05, the City Council is required to respond to the findings and recommendations pertaining to matters under its control. The proposed City response is attached for the City Council's consideration and approval.

Upon approval, the response will be submitted to the Presiding Judge of the Orange County Superior Court as required by law.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not constitute a “project” within the meaning of CEQA guidelines section 15378, as it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

8. ATTACHMENTS

- Proposed City of Orange Response to the 2025-2026 Orange County Grand Jury Report
- 2025-2026 Orange County Grand Jury Report, “California Housing Mandates: The Unintended Reshaping of Orange County Neighborhoods”