



County of Los Angeles Civil Grand Jury

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July 8, 2020

Mayor Terry Tornek
City of Pasadena
100 N. Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91109

Re: A DIET FOR LANDFILLS: Cutting Down on Food Waste

Pre-release of a report by the 2019-2020 Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury

NOTE: DO NOT DISCLOSE ANY REPORT CONTENTS PRIOR TO JULY 31, 2020

Dear Mayor Tornek:

California Penal Code Section 933.05(f) states: "A grand jury shall provide the affected agency a copy of the portion of the grand jury report relating to that person or entity two working days prior to its public release and after approval of the presiding judge. No officer, agency, department, or governing body of a public agency shall disclose any contents of the report prior to the public release of the final report." The enclosed report will be released to the public *on July 31, 2020*.

A response to all Recommendations in a Civil Grand Jury report is required by California Penal Code Sections 933(c), 933.05(a), and 933.05(b) within ninety (90) days following the release of the report to the public, and no later than Friday, October 30, 2020. Attached are the requirements contained in California Penal Code Section 933.05.

Please send responses to:

Presiding Judge
Los Angeles Superior Court
Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center
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civilgrandjury@lacourt.org

Sincerely,

J. Krimmel
Judith Krimmel, Foreperson
2019-2020 Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury

Enclosure: How to respond to recommendations in this report.

Section 933.05. Responses to findings

(a) For purposes of subdivision (b) of Section 933, as to each grand jury finding, the responding person or entity shall indicate one of the following:

(1) The respondent agrees with the finding.

(2) The respondent disagrees wholly or partially with the finding, in which case the response shall specify the portion of the finding that is disputed and shall include an explanation of the reasons therefor.

(b) For purposes of subdivision (b) of Section 933, as to each grand jury recommendation, the responding person or entity shall report one of the following actions:

(1) The recommendation has been implemented, with a summary regarding the implemented action.

(2) The recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future, with a timeframe for implementation.

(3) The recommendation requires further analysis, with an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or head of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.

(4) The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable, with an explanation therefor.

(c) However, if a finding or recommendation of the grand jury addresses budgetary or personnel matters of a county agency or department headed by an elected officer, both the agency or department head and the board of supervisors shall respond if requested by the grand jury, but the response of the board of supervisors shall address only those budgetary or personnel matters over which it has some decision making authority. The response of the elected agency or department head shall address all aspects of the findings or recommendations affecting his or her agency or department.

(d) A grand jury may request a subject person or entity to come before the grand jury for the purpose of reading and discussing the findings of the grand jury report that relates to that person or entity in order to verify the accuracy of the findings prior to their release.

(e) During an investigation, the grand jury shall meet with the subject of that investigation regarding the investigation, unless the court, either on its own determination or upon request of the foreperson of the grand jury, determines that such a meeting would be detrimental.

(f) A grand jury shall provide to the affected agency a copy of the portion of the grand jury report relating to that person or entity two working days prior to its public release and after the approval of the presiding judge. No officer, agency, department, or governing body of a public agency shall disclose any contents of the report prior to the public release of the final report.