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Honorable Kenneth So
Presiding Judge
San Diego County Superior Court
Main Courthouse, Third Floor
220 West Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Judge So:

Subject: 2008/2009 San Diego County Grand Jury Report entitled "San Diego Golf Course Operations Under the Five Year Business Plan".

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933.05(a), (b) and (c), the City of San Diego provides the following responses to the facts, findings and recommendations in the above-entitled Grand Jury Report:

Facts with Comments:

Fact: It took the Grand Jury four months to get a current copy of the Five Year Golf Business Plan.

Comment: Disagree, Our records indicate we responded in a timely manner to each request for documents, including the current Five-Year Golf Business Plan.

Fact: It took the Grand Jury six months to get a current budget for the City's Golf Operations.

Comment: Disagree. Our records show we responded in a timely manner to each request for documents. The Grand Jury requested the budget information and staff directed them to the City's web site. Our records indicate there was no request for City staff to produce a hard copy of the document. A separate request to the City's Finance Department for a detailed expenditure report was also responded to in a timely manner.

Fact: The general public does not have readily available access to the budget, statements of revenue and expenses.

Comment: Disagree. The public has the ability to view the City of San Diego's Annual Budget,

which includes the Park and Recreation Department, Golf Division Budget and the Golf Operations Enterprise Fund Reserve and Expense Statement. These documents have been on the City's website for more than decade. Individuals that do not have personal access to the internet can use City of San Diego library computers free of charge. In addition, the City posts its annual financial statements on the City's website that show the actual audited expenditures.

Findings with Comments:

Finding: Both the 2001 and 2006 Five Year Golf Business Plans exist in certain forms but are not readily available to the general public.

Response: The City disagrees with the finding that the 2001 is in electronic form and that both the 2001 and 2005 Five Year Golf Plans are not readily available to the public. The 2001 is not available in electronic form and is not readily available, as it is not the current plan the Golf Course Enterprise operates within. However, the 2005 Five Year Golf Business Plan has been available upon request to the general public in each of the business offices of the City operated golf courses since May 2009 and an electronic version is on the Golf Division's web page. The brochure has always been available for viewing at the Golf Division Administration Office at Torrey Pines Golf Course.

Finding: The Golf Advisory Council has not been convened by the City since 2006.

Response: Agree

Recommendations:

Recommendation 09-37: Make budgets, Statements of Revenues and Expenses, and all golf related contracts available online to the public, in the spirit of full disclosure, additionally make said information easy to locate with direct Internet links.

Response: The budget for the current fiscal year 2010 is posted on the City's official website. The general public may easily access this budget by going to www.sandiego.gov; select Departments; select Park and Recreation; then under the heading News and Announcement select Park and Recreation Budget Update. The entire link to the current budget is: <http://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/general-info/budget.shtml>

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The Statements of Revenue and Expenses associated with Golf operations are a subset of Parks and Recreation and are included in the City's annually published and released Comprehensive Annual financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR is easily accessed by going to www.sandiego.gov; select City Hall; under the section City Hall Directory select Official City Documents; select Comprehensive Annual Financial Report; then select the report for the most current year. The entire link to the current Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is:
<http://www.sandiego.gov/comptroller/reports/>

Recommendation 09-38: The Golf Advisory Council should be reactivated as a liaison between the golfing community and the city of San Diego for the purpose of enhancing dialogue.

Response: The Park and Recreation Department has a long history of utilizing advisory committees for the purposes of public dialogue. Reinstatement of a Golf Advisory Council as the advisory committee for golf operations is being considered. Staff advised the Grand Jury that the reinstatement was being considered and would be formally decided once the final customer survey results are received which is anticipated to be the fall of 2009.

Recommendation 09-39: Make the Five Year Golf Operations Business Plan available at the Clubhouses on the Torrey Pines, Balboa Park, and Mission Bay Golf courses, as well as on the internet.

Response: This recommendation has been implemented. The current Five Year Golf Operations Business Plan is posted on the City's Official website. Copies are also available for viewing at each course.

Please contact Ms. Stacey LoMedico, Park and Recreation Department Director, at (619) 236-6643 if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,



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Mayor

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