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Draft Cover Letter to the Presiding Judge of the Orange County Superior Court



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The Honorable Shiela Hanson
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Orange County Grand Jury
700 Civic Center Drive West
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Subject: 2025-2026 Orange County Grand Jury Report – “Wildfires Hit Home”

Dear Presiding Judge Hanson,

The City of Newport Beach (City) appreciates the time and effort the 2025-2026 Grand Jury spent on the development of their report, “Wildfires Hit Home.”

The City Council reviewed the report and authorized the attached response to the findings and recommendations noted in the report. This response is submitted on behalf of the City of Newport Beach and the City of Newport Beach Fire Department. The City values the opportunity to respond to the report, share our perspective, and provide firsthand knowledge to each of the issues requested by the grand Jury.

If the City of Newport Beach can provide additional information or clarification of our responses, please do not hesitate to contact Fire Chief Jeff Boyles (jboyles@nbfd.net).

Sincerely,

Lauren Kleiman, Mayor
City of Newport Beach

Enc: City of Newport Beach’s Response to Findings and Recommendations

cc: Lauren Kleiman, Mayor
City of Newport Beach Council Members
Jeff Boyles, Fire Chief, Newport Beach Fire Department
Lena Shumway, Newport Beach City Clerk
Hugh Nguyen, Orange County Clerk-Recorder

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