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Presiding Judge Thomas Nixon
Alameda County Superior Court
1225 Fallon Street, Department One
Oakland, California 94612

Re: City of Oakland Responses to the 2025-26 Civil Grand Jury Final Report

Dear Presiding Judge Nixon:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the 2025-2026 Alameda County Civil Grand Jury Final Report regarding *Illegal Dumping in Oakland* (Report). The Grand Jury sought responses from both the City Administration and from the City Council, to Findings 26-1 through 26-24 and Recommendations 26-1 through 26-8 of its report. The City has analyzed each finding and recommendation, and prepared responses. At the Oakland Council meeting on July 21, 2026, the City Council passed a Resolution (**Attachment A**) authorizing the Council President to submit the Responses (**Attachment B**) on behalf of the Council as well. Thus, the attached Responses are submitted both on behalf of the Administration, and the City Council.

We are pleased to note that your recommendations align closely with the actions the City has taken. For example, the Report concludes by stating that the public deserves a plan to remedy illegal dumping. The Report also states that the illegal dumping plan should include education, eradication, and enforcement. Oakland's Illegal Dumping Expenditures Action Plan (**Attachment C**), which was approved by the City Council on May 19, 2026, covers the areas described in the Grand Jury Report. The Oakland City Council requested that we send, for your information, a copy of that Plan as well. That document is provided, along with the Responses, which are detailed in the documents attached to this letter. We also appreciate the support for new technology to track and detect trash, and to issue and collect citations for violations, and better trucks for remediation, which Oakland has approved. In addition, the Bulky Block Party events providing free bulky waste disposal for residents have been reinstated.

The City of Oakland responses to the Final Civil Grand Jury report are in alignment with the requirements of the California Penal Code Section 933.05. The City of Oakland appreciates the Grand Jury's work and dedication and hereby submits Responses to the Report on Illegal Dumping in Oakland, on behalf of the City Administration and the City Council.

The Council Resolution, Responses, and supplemental documents submitted can also be found online in the City of Oakland legislative record at:

<https://oakland.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=8119269&GUID=893954BA-A45A-48D9-9695-0A33CE112A5F>

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Lake
Interim City Administrator



Kevin Jenkins
President, Oakland City Council

Attachments:

Attachment A. Oakland City Council Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Responses to the 2025-2026 Alameda County Civil Grand Jury

Attachment B. City of Oakland Responses to Recommendations and Findings

Attachment C. Oakland Illegal Dumping Expenditures Action Plan; presentation, legislation, and report.

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