



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: September 10, 2013
Item Number: F-10
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Don Rhoads, Chief Financial Officer/Director of Administrative Services
Subject: **REVIEW AND APPROVE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS RESPONSE TO COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES GRAND JURY REPORT ON CITIES FISCAL HEALTH, GOVERNANCE, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND COMPENSATION**

Attachments:

- 1.) Exhibit A: City of Beverly Hills Responses to Grand Jury Findings and Recommendations
- 2.) Exhibit B: Cities of Los Angeles County Fiscal Health, Governance, Financial Management and Compensation Report

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council review and approve the City's reply to the Grand Jury's findings and recommendations regarding fiscal health, governance, financial management and compensation and direct that the response be submitted to the presiding judge of the superior court and placed on file with the City Clerk.

INTRODUCTION

Earlier this year the Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury requested information from all 88 incorporated cities in Los Angeles County to determine the fiscal health of those cities. Information was provided as part of an online survey provided by the Grand Jury, which also included submittal of several documents detailing standards the City has in place related to audit, financial, budgetary, reporting, performance measurement, and investment policies. In June, the Grand Jury issued its report. By law, the City must respond to the findings and recommendations of the report within ninety days. A report presenting the City's responses to the findings and recommendations is attached as Exhibit A.

DISCUSSION

The Grand Jury report made several general findings that applied broadly across many or all cities studied and made several recommendations that required responses from all applicable cities, seven of which were applicable to the City of Beverly Hills (four regarding the City's fiscal health and three in the area of financial management). Note that because of the very general nature of the Grand Jury's findings (i.e. often applicable to many or most cities in the County), the City of Beverly Hills responded based on the practices of Beverly Hills, and had no basis for commenting on the finding as applied to other cities. However, where applicable and appropriate the City's policies or actions related to the findings are described and all recommendations have been responded to in full.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the City.

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Don Rhoads
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Administrative Services