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# Orange County City Managers' Association

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November 14, 2005

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

On November 2, 2005 those Orange County City Managers with municipal police departments acted to endorse the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) model for governance of the Integrated Law & Justice Project (ILJ). At the time the action was taken and as anticipated, the City Manager representatives that contract for law enforcement services with the Sheriff's Department abstained from the vote.

The recommendation of the City Managers Association (OCCMA) is based upon many months of evaluation of the work of the ILJ Steering Committee to implement the Initiatives identified in the Strategic Plan completed with participation from the entire Criminal Justice System in Orange County and endorsed by all involved. The most recent data-sharing Initiative (known as COPLINK) was demonstrated for the OCCMA at our September Meeting. This very sophisticated system will allow for the availability and integration of Criminal Justice data Countywide at the patrol officer and investigator level. Information that has only been available within each jurisdiction will now be available to all law enforcement agencies participating in the project. This latest effort represents a tremendous step forward by making investigative lead information readily available to all law enforcement personnel almost instantaneously.

The on-going work of the Integrated Law & Justice Project has been endorsed by the Orange County Police Chiefs and Sheriff's Association and has been led by the Newport Beach Police Chief, Bob McDonell, who has served as Chair of the Project Steering Committee for approximately seven years. The City Managers endorsing the JPA have determined that the time for establishing a formal governance model has come, based upon the fact that a number of the projects already implemented have exceeded their warranty period and others need the strength of institutionalized governance that will insure the coordinated efforts of all involved remain viable and improved for years to come. Additional projects identified in the Strategic Plan are planned for implementation once the COPLINK System is finalized.

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During the recent meeting of Orange County City Managers Association, a question arose regarding costs for operations and management of the JPA. The attached information prepared by Deloitte Consulting is representative of the anticipated costs. They have been developed at the most conservative level, so it is expected that the actual costs will not exceed those identified. Two cost formulas were provided, one without the County's participation and one with their involvement if the Sheriff changes his position. Accordingly, the recommendation of the Orange County City Managers Association is for each City with a municipal police department to consider approving the JPA model so the investments already made in this very valuable Project and systems like COPLINK, can be protected in future years. It is our hope and understanding that the Sheriff is reevaluating his past position on the overall Project and COPLINK in particular, which could provide a method of including the County (and therefore the Contract Cities) in this very worthwhile effort and reducing the shared costs for everyone.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or the two lead representatives from the City Managers Association, Tim O'Donnell, 990-7711, or Chief Bob McDonell, 644-3701.

Sincerely,



Robert C. Dominguez  
City Administrator

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