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TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Andrew S. Belknap, City Manager *ASB*

DATE REPORT PREPARED July 6, 1998

MEETING DATE: July 14, 1998

SUBJECT: VENTURA COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT ON REDEVELOPMENT

Enclosed is a copy of the subject report which analyzes redevelopment activities as practiced in Ventura County with particular reference to Oxnard, San Buenaventura and Santa Paula.

The report is well researched and draws some reasonable conclusions in recommending that some mechanism be set up to mediate regional disputes over redevelopment and that the current procedures for making findings concerning the existence of "blight" be tightened somewhat. Such recommendations would be consistent with the conservative manner in which Ojai has pursued redevelopment activities. Certainly it would be preferable for local agencies that have practiced redevelopment in a prudent manner be actively involved in developing solutions to the problems which exist with redevelopment, as was done with AB 1290, instead of having possibly draconian measures imposed by the Legislature in Sacramento in reaction to questionable activities which may have been undertaken by a small minority of agencies involved with redevelopment.

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Under State Law the City is required to respond to Grand Jury on matters which are referred to us, such as this report. Unless the City Council has something to add, this brief memo will be used to constitute this response.

- c Presiding Judge of the Ventura County Superior Court
- Foreman of the Ventura County Grand Jury
- City Clerk / Finance Director