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PRESIDING JUDGE

Honorable Bruce A. Clark
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Ventura County Grand Jury
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

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RE: 2002-2003 Grand Jury Report: Redevelopment Agencies and the Requirements for Low and Moderate Income Housing VENTURA COUNTY GRAND JURY

Dear Judge Clark:

The City of Camarillo received a copy of the Ventura County Grand Jury Report entitled *Redevelopment Agencies and the Requirements for Low and Moderate Income Housing* dated June 5, 2003. The City was asked to respond to Recommendations R-4 and R-5.

With regard to item R-4, it appears that the Grand Jury's concern (see Conclusion C-3) is that citizen participation may be discouraged because Redevelopment Agency meetings "[are] held after all City Council business and it is often quite late."

In an effort to facilitate agency business and encourage citizen participation, the Camarillo Development Commission (which is the redevelopment agency) has always held its televised meetings at 5:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesdays each month. Such meetings are separate from City Council meetings, which are held later in the evening. We believe that such action has helped increase public participation with the redevelopment agency since the public need not attend meetings held different days, times, and places or stay for later meetings. Accordingly, we believe this action fulfills your apparent goal in making Redevelopment Agency actions more customer-friendly.

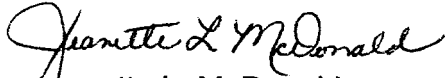
Regarding item R-5, the City can certainly provide the County with a copy of Redevelopment Agency reports upon request. As noted in the City's response to the 1999-2000 Grand Jury Report, the City provides the public with access to all project plans and program documents at the public counter at City Hall, 601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo, California.

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These documents are always available for review and copies can be provided upon request. The City also maintains an Internet-accessible website that provides a monthly report that includes items of interest such as current status on special projects, land development proposals and capital projects. While we are of the opinion that our constituents are more likely to view such reports at City Hall, there is certainly no objection to sharing reports with the County.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the report. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Jeanette L. McDonald
Chairman

cc: City Council
City Manager
City Attorney