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**VENTURA COUNTY GRAND JURY**

Duane Christensen, Foreman,  
Ventura County 2002-2003 Grand Jury  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, California 93003

I received your letter regarding the deadline for responding to the Grand Jury Report and your interpretation of penal code 933.05.

Notwithstanding the Oxnard city attorney's finding that penal code 933.05 allows ninety days for filing by both elected city officials and staff I am filing my individual response prior to the completion of the staff response in the spirit of co-operation and open government.

My initial response is thus necessarily brief and incomplete because it is without benefit of a staff report which may shed a different light on some of my conclusions if some of the recommendations have been implemented, will be implemented, may have a reason why they cannot be implemented and or may require further study.

It is also affected by my general opposition to what are commonly referred to as public private partnerships.

Specifically my responses are:

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| R. 1. agree   | R. 3. agree  | R. 4. agree  |
| R. 6. This is not possible because the project is under construction.                 |              |              |
| R. 7. Expansion is under way but the management contract may be subject to amendment. |              |              |
| R. 8. agree   | R. 9. agree  | R. 10. agree |
| R. 13. agree  | R. 14. agree | R. 15. agree |
| R. 16. agree  |              |              |

Sincerely,

Manuel M. Lopez

c. Edmund Sotelo

Karen Burnham