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## Response to Grand Jury Report Form

**Report Title:** Public Access to Conflict of Interest Codes

**Report Date:** May 26, 2016

**Response By:** City Council of the City of Thousand Oaks

Pursuant to California Penal Code Sections 933.05 (a) and (b), the City Council of the City of Thousand Oaks provides the following responses to the findings and recommendations included in the above-referenced Grand Jury Report.

### BACKGROUND

After receiving a citizen complaint alleging a conflict of interest within a particular government entity, this raised the question of whether each local governing body within Ventura County had established a Conflict of Interest Code as required by law. Additionally, the Grand Jury made the decision to address whether these Conflict of Interest Codes are readily accessible to the public, thereby making government more transparent. The Grand Jury found that elected officials in Ventura County and its ten cities have all adopted Conflict of Interest Codes which meet or exceed State standards. The Grand Jury found that there was a wide variation in the ease of access to the Conflict of Interest Codes. Further, the Grand Jury made a recommendation for the City to implement to further address public access.

### FORMAT OF RESPONSE

The City Council's detailed response to the Grand Jury Report is set forth in the following pages. The response is ordered in the same manner as the report itself--Facts, Findings and Recommendations. The City Council is required to respond to Finding 01 and Recommendation 02.

### RESPONSE TO FINDINGS

The City agrees with Finding FI-01.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

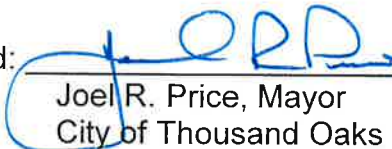
Recommendation number R-02 has been implemented. The Grand Jury made one recommendation that the City Council establish a direct link on its City homepage for public online access to its Conflict of Interest Code (FI-01).

The City implemented a direct link to the City's Conflict of Interest Code on the City's homepage at [www.toaks.org/forms](http://www.toaks.org/forms) by clicking on Conflict of Interest Code. Additionally, the City added the City's Conflict of Interest Code on the City Clerk's Department page, which can be found under government/departments/city clerk/ conflict of interest code.

## SUMMARY

The City of Thousand Oaks wishes to thank the Grand Jury for its review of current practices related to public access to the City's Conflict of Interest Code. The City Council appreciates and welcomes the efforts of the Grand Jury in their review of City practices.

Date: July 12, 2016

Signed:   
Joel R. Price, Mayor  
City of Thousand Oaks

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