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REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

ESTABLISHMENT OF PAST GRAND JURORS ASSOCIATION  
IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW BOARD

The Past Grand Jurors Association of San Diego County [the Association] has proposed that the City Council establish a review board comprised of past San Diego County Grand Jury members to assist the City in implementing County Grand Jury recommendations. A proposed ordinance establishing the review board was considered by the Committee on Rules, Open Government, and Intergovernmental Relations in November, 2006. Revisions suggested by the Committee have been incorporated into the ordinance docketed for introduction as O-2007-135. The revisions are: (1) to clarify that the members of the review board have served on the San Diego County *Civil* Grand Jury, rather than a *Criminal* Grand Jury; and (2) that the members should appoint the chairperson each year, rather than the Mayor making the appointment.

By way of background, a copy of the Association's proposal is attached for reference. (See Attachment 1). San Diego County has had a review board consisting of Association members since 1983. The attached *County of San Diego: Advisory Board Sunset Review Report* indicates that the review board provides a valuable service to the San Diego Board of Supervisors, the County Administrative Officer, and the public. (See Attachment 2). The Association believes that a review board consisting of past civil grand jurors that are familiar with the process can assist the City in implementing County Grand Jury recommendations that have been accepted by the City.

Last year, the County Grand Jury issued several reports regarding the City of San Diego and some of the recommendations have been accepted by the City. The Association's proposal that the City establish a review board to assist the City in implementing these recommendations is well founded. The proposed review board is modeled after the successful San Diego County's Past Grand Jurors Association Implementation Review Committee with some modifications to maintain consistency with the City's usual structure for boards and commissions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments  
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