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COUNTY GRAND JURY

Honorable Janis Sammartino
Presiding Judge
San Diego County Superior Court
Main Courthouse, Third Floor
220 West Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Judge Sammartino:

Subject: 2005-2006 Grand Jury Report entitled "Fire Safety and Sprinklers"

Pursuant to California Penal Code Section 933.05(a), (b), and (c), the City of San Diego provides the following responses to the findings and recommendations in the above-entitled Grand Jury Report:

Finding 1: Installation of sprinklers would save lives and property.

Agree.

Recommendation # 06-13: That the Mayor of the City of San Diego require that existing high-rise buildings, having floors used for human occupancy located more than 75 feet above the lowest level of fire department access, be modified to install sprinkler systems.

Response: This recommendation has not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future. I anticipate submitting a phased approach plan to the City Council in September 2006. Under this plan, installation of the sprinkler systems will be done in three phases beginning with the upper floors of each building. This phased approach is intended to allow building owners sufficient time to secure funding while concurrently providing protection to the most vulnerable residents of these buildings. It should be noted that during the Fire-Rescue Department's review of residential high-rise buildings, three additional buildings were discovered not to have fire sprinklers. This brings the total of residential high-rise buildings without sprinklers to 17. All will be retrofitted with fire sprinkler systems under this proposed ordinance.

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Please contact Samuel L. Oates, Fire Marshal, at (619) 533-4407 if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JS', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jerry Sanders
Mayor

cc: San Diego County Grand Jury
City Council
Chief Operating Officer
Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Public Safety
Fire Chief
Citizens Assistance Manager
City Clerk