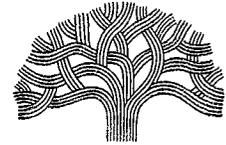


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**RESPONSE TO ALAMEDA COUNTY GRAND JURY'S 2015-2016 REPORT ON
POLITICAL INTERFERENCE WITH OAKLAND TOWNHOUSE PROJECT**

October 18, 2016

Re: Council Agenda Item #12

Oakland City Council's Response to the Alameda County Civil Grand Jury's 2015-2106 report on "Political Interference with Oakland Townhouse Project"

Dear Members of the Alameda County Civil Grand Jury:

The referenced Alameda County Civil Grand Jury ("Grand Jury") 2015-2016 report asks that the City Council respond to its findings and its recommendation that the Council follow its code of ethics, including its "mandate" to be willing to censure members who willfully violate ethical rules. The Grand Jury asked that the City Council respond by October 31, 2016.

As you are aware, the Public Ethics Commission ("PEC") is investigating this matter. The Council will await the completion of the PEC's investigation and its review of the PEC's report before considering any action in response to the Grand Jury's report and recommendation. We understand the PEC anticipates completing its investigation by the end of this calendar year.

The City Council appreciates the work of the Grand Jury.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Reid", written over a circular embossed seal.

LARRY REID
President Pro tempore
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