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August 15, 2007

The Honorable Robert Boyd
Presiding Judge - Sonoma County Grand Jury
Sonoma County Superior Court
600 Administration Drive
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Subject: City of Rohnert Park Response to Sonoma County Grand Jury Final Report 2006-2007

Dear Judge Boyd,

The City of Rohnert Park has reviewed the Grand Jury Final Report for 2006-2007 and in accordance with the Grand Jury's direction provides the following responses to the Report:

Signs of the Times

Recommendation R-6 states that "[t]he legality of all billboards in the county should be examined and any illegal billboards should be removed." The City of Rohnert Park concurs. Subsection 17.27.050.E of the Rohnert Park Municipal Code ("RPMC") currently prohibits any "sign identifying a use, facility, service or product that is not located, sold or manufactured on the same premises as the sign," and this classification includes billboards. Those billboards which currently exist are "grandfathered" as non-conforming uses and are generally allowed to remain in place. A billboard or other non-conforming sign would be required to be removed if it were damaged to the extent that the cost for replacement or repair is greater than fifty percent of the billboard's replacement value at the time the damage occurred. In addition, Section 17.27.090.A.4 otherwise allows the amortization of such non-conforming signs over a period of up to ten years upon written notice from the City.