



May 24, 18

Nancy Graham
City of San Diego
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San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Nancy Graham,

The Pacific Beach Planning Group (PBPG) is forwarding this letter in response to the San Diego County Grand Jury investigation into alleged process delays by Community Planning Groups. Our planning group approved this letter and its contents during our general meeting on May 23, 2018. The Grand Jury made 5 recommendations and following is our response to each recommendation:

18-01 Review Community Planning Group boundaries and determine if consolidation of some CPGs should take place.

PBPG response: PBPG recommends that only CPGs that lack sufficient public interest and encounter difficulties in filling a majority of the board seats should be considered for consolidation. Note: Public interest and filling a majority of seats has not been an issue for the PBPG.

18-02 Determine if the Planning Department should develop methods and provide resources to improve recruiting that could result in more diverse CPG membership.

PBPG response: PBPG encourages diversity and we support improving recruitment.

18-03: Determine if members of the Planning Department staff should attend all CPG meetings.

PBPG response: PBPG recommends Planning Department staff attending as many meetings as possible.

18-04 Consider directing the San Diego City Neighborhood Services Department staff to closely monitor CPG actions and provide timely guidance to preclude requests for inappropriate project additions or modifications.

PBPG response: PBPG has no comment on this since it hasn't been a problem for our Planning Group.

18-05 Determine if all CPG members should be required to complete the eCOW training each time they are reelected or reappointed.

PBPG response: PBPG supports this recommendation from the Grand Jury.

In addition to the above Grand Jury recommendations the PBPG would like you to consider the following recommendations:

- utilize "Co-urbanize" or another online platform to increase community participation in city planning.
- add new content to the eCow such as training on Roberts Rules, planning process information, or other information which can improve the effectiveness of planning groups.
- the City utilize outreach methods to inform all residents about CPGs on an annual basis, including an annual mailing.
- Provide a website template for CPGs to improve community engagement, transparency and communications.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henish Pulickal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and "P".

Henish Pulickal

Chairman, Pacific Beach Planning Group
