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Statement from the Palm Springs City Council Regarding Grand Jury Indictments

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“After nearly four years of our community waiting for a resolution, the Palm Springs City Council is pleased the Riverside County District Attorney requested this procedural change to have the Grand Jury, made up of Riverside County citizens, review the evidence in this matter to determine if there is probable cause that a crime may have been committed. The Grand Jury came to the same conclusion that the District Attorney previously came to, issuing indictments against the former mayor and developers John Wessman and Richard Meaney. As a result, a trial should now proceed more expeditiously through our criminal justice system and continuous delays will cease. No other individuals, including City Staff, were found by either the District Attorney or the Grand Jury to have committed wrongdoing. Each of us was elected after the events that led to the indictments occurred and we are proud of the work our Council, Staff and resident led Task Force have done to enact and implement new, ethics and transparency laws and policies that far exceed the requirements of state and federal law, making Palm Springs a leader in open government.”

Robert Moon, Mayor

Geoff Kors, Mayor pro tem

Christy Holstege, City Councilmember

Lisa Middleton, City Councilmember

J.R. Roberts, City Councilmember

