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ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SECOND DISTRICT

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Date: July 16, 2009

To: Maria Lopez, COB

From: Mario Mainero, Chief of Staff

Re: Addition to the Agenda for July 28, 2009 Board Meeting

Please add the "OC Fair" resolution to the July 28th's Board meeting consent calendar.

Attachment: OC Fair

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

July 28, 2009

WHEREAS, in 1948 the State of California and the Orange County Fair Board of Directors purchased the original 175 acres of the Fair from the U.S. Government for \$65,000 per organization, for a total of \$130,000; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Fair is celebrating its 60th year at the site of the former Santa Ana Army Air Base; and

WHEREAS, the 32nd District Agricultural Association is self-supporting, in that its operations and programs, including the annual Fair, are paid for by customers – not the California general fund; and

WHEREAS, significant physical improvements have been funded by customers, not California taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, for over a decade, the Board of Directors of the 32nd District Agricultural Association refused a state subsidy of \$35,000 per year, and for last several years, have received no subsidy at all; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Fairgrounds are wholly contained within the corporate limits of the City of Costa Mesa; and

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa's General Plan designates the property as "Fairgrounds"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa has zoned the property "recreational/institutional"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa has passed Resolution #09-41 opposing the sale of the Fairgrounds for redevelopment, closure and/or relocation of OCFEC; and

WHEREAS, the State of California is facing a budget deficit of over \$26 billion, the largest in the state's history; and

WHEREAS, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has proposed the sale of surplus or underutilized assets for the purpose of helping to close the budget deficit.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Orange County Board of Supervisors supports Governor Schwarzenegger's proposal to sell the Orange County Fairgrounds only if it provides that the Fairgrounds shall only be sold to a local government agency or local not-for-profit corporation to perpetuate its use as a fairgrounds, event center, and equestrian facility; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, this resolution will be distributed to the Governor, Orange County legislative delegation, and other public and private agencies as deemed necessary.