

**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 60<sup>th</sup> year at the site of the former Santa Ana Army Air Base; and**

**WHEREAS, the 32<sup>nd</sup> 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 32<sup>nd</sup> 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.

The foregoing was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, on July 28, 2009, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors: BILL CAMPBELL, JANET NGUYEN, JOHN M. W. MOORLACH  
CHRIS NORBY, PATRICIA BATES  
NOES: Supervisor(s):  
EXCUSED: Supervisor(s):  
ABSTAINED: Supervisor(s):

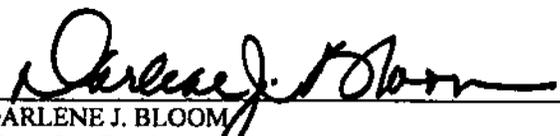
  
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CHAIRMAN

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
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COUNTY OF ORANGE )

I, DARLENE J. BLOOM, Clerk of the Board of Orange County, California, hereby certify that a copy of this document has been delivered to the Chairman of the Board and that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Orange County Board of Supervisors .

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and seal.



  
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DARLENE J. BLOOM  
Clerk of the Board  
County of Orange, State of California

Resolution No: 09-110  
Agenda Date: 07/28/2009  
Item No: 22



I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors , Orange County, State of California

DARLENE J. BLOOM, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy