



**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE 32<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

**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 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 OC FEC, 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, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the 32<sup>nd</sup> District Agricultural Association's Board of Directors supports Governor Schwarzenegger's proposal to sell the Orange County Fairgrounds and requests the Governor to consider, among any other proposals that may be submitted, the City of Costa Mesa's proposal for continued use as a fairgrounds and event center, 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.

July 15, 2009

AYES 7      NOES 0      ABSTAIN 0      DIRECTORS ABSENT 1

Julie Vandermost  
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