

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa, California, opposing the findings of the California Performance Review characterizing the Orange County Fairgrounds as “underutilized” State Property

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF COSTA MESA DOES
HEREBY RESOLVE AND DECLARE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California commissioned a comprehensive review of all State operations in an effort to identify ways to reduce the State’s current budget imbalance and to streamline and make its operations more efficient; and,

WHEREAS, the State recently released its comprehensive review of State operations entitled the “California Performance Review” and is currently taking public testimony on the report and its recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, the California Performance Review includes a report and series of recommendations entitled “Tapping Surplus Property Assets” wherein the Orange County Fairgrounds is specifically referenced as an example of “underutilized or surplus State property”; and,

WHEREAS, the California Performance Review’s only reference to the value of the programs and activities at the Orange County Fairgrounds is limited to a one-sentence statement regarding the “annual Orange County Fair, a summertime agriculture festival”; and,

WHEREAS, the California Performance Review fails completely in its analysis of the Orange County Fairgrounds by ignoring the facility as a major entertainment, recreational, cultural and educational asset to Orange County; and,

WHEREAS, the California Performance Review ignores the over 100 events held annually at the Orange County Fairgrounds supporting cultural and non-profit organizations; and,

WHEREAS, the California Performance Review fails in its stated mission to focus on improving economic conditions and consequently the State's budget imbalance by omitting the significance of the Orange County Marketplace as an incubator for small business development; and,

WHEREAS, the California Performance Review assigns no value to year round and seasonal employment for thousands of youth and senior citizens in various activities at the Orange County Fairgrounds; employment that not only does not constitute a drain on the State budget but generates incomes tax proceeds to the State; and,

WHEREAS, the California Performance Review does not take into account the estimated \$185.2 million in economic impact the Fair's activities generate annually in support of the State's economy; and,

WHEREAS, the California Performance Review omits any reference to the year-round educational programs offered at the Orange County Fairgrounds including Centennial Farms and The Ranch Program; and,

WHEREAS, the California Performance Review section on "Tapping Surplus Property Assets" in its characterization of the Orange County Fairgrounds as "underutilized and surplus property" is so wholly and totally inaccurate in its blatantly one-sided analysis as to render the entire report suspect as a public policy document.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based on the preceding, the City Council hereby opposes the findings in the California Performance Review in its assessment of the Orange County Fairgrounds as "underutilized and surplus property."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council encourages its residents and members of the business community to contact the Governor and members of the State Legislature and demand they disregard the discussions and findings in this part of the California Performance Review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, any member of the City Council and City staff to represent the City's position on this matter.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be submitted as part of the public hearing process currently in progress on the California Performance Review as well as copies to the Governor and members of the Orange County delegation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ___ day of September, 2004

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa

Mayor of the City of Costa Mesa

APPROVED AS TO FORM

City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss
CITY OF COSTA MESA)

I, JULIE FOLCIK, Deputy City Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution No. ___ was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the said City Council at a regular meeting thereof held on the ___ day of September, 2004, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Costa Mesa this ___ day of September, 2004.

Deputy City Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the
City Council of the City of Costa Mesa