ATTACHMENT 1

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 09-11

RESOLUTION NO. 09-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING THE SALE, CLOSURE AND/OR RELOCATION OF THE ORANGE COUNTY FAIR AND EVENT CENTER BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California proposes measures to allow the state to take better advantage of its real estate assets in order to balance the state budget and improve government efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has determined that utilizing state assets, along with reducing the state workforce and making government more efficient through various measures will help achieve savings within state government and reduce the multi-billion dollar budget deficit; and

WHEREAS, the Governor is proposing the sale of seven, state-owned properties to reduce the budget deficit by over $1 billion; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Fair and Event Center (OCFEC) is among the seven state-owned properties listed in the Governor's proposal, with the others being Cal Expo, Del Mar Fairgrounds, Ventura County Fairgrounds, Los Angeles Coliseum, San Quentin State Prison and the Cow Palace; and

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa opposes sale for redevelopment, closure and/or relocation of the OCFEC by the Governor for many reasons; and

WHEREAS, the OCFEC is a major entertainment, recreational, cultural and educational asset to Orange County with over 100 events held there annually supporting cultural and non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed sale of the OCFEC is extremely short-sighted in that the OCFEC and the weekend Orange County Marketplace provide employment to thousands of individuals of all ages, nurture small business development, and promote the transaction of business which, in turn, greatly assists the local and state economy and generates incomes tax proceeds of over $180 million to the state; and

WHEREAS, resounding opposition by an outpouring of public response to the California Performance Review in 2004 sent a clear message to the State Legislature and the Governor and the City of Costa Mesa believes the current proposal will be met with similar public reaction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based on the preceding, the City Council hereby opposes the Governor's proposal to sell the Orange County Fair and Event Center and also opposes any proposals by the State to relocate or close the facility in order to reduce the state's budget deficit.

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 remove the Orange County Fair and Event Center from the proposed list of state properties to be sold.

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 to the Governor and State Legislative representatives.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2009.

Allan R. Mansoor, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Folcik, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kimberly Hall Barlow, City Attorney

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

I, JULIE FOLCIK, City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is the original of Resolution No. 09-41 and was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa at a regular meeting held on the 2nd day of June, 2009, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	MANSOOR, LEECE, BEVER, FOLEY, MONAHAN
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	NONE
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS:	NONE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereby set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Costa Mesa this 3rd day of June, 2009.

JULIE FOLCIK, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)