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**Reinstatement of the Orange County Great Park Corporation
As the Governing Body of the Great Park**

On the motion of Chairman Campbell, duly seconded and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the redevelopment of the former MCAS, El Toro has been a topic of discussion within the Orange County community for over sixteen years; and after much public debate the voters of Orange County, through their passage of Measure W, determined that the base property should be used for a great park and nature reserve; and

WHEREAS, the City of Irvine, wanting to ensure a non-aviation use of the base property and understanding the wishes of the voters, developed the Great Park Plan which transformed the concepts contained in Measure W into a viable development plan; and

WHEREAS, in presenting the Great Park Plan to the people of the county, the City of Irvine promised that the Great Park at El Toro would be an asset for the entire county to use, and that regional input and representation in its development would be maintained; and

WHEREAS, the City of Irvine formed the Orange County Great Park Corporation as the governance body to guide the development and eventual operation of the Great Park; the Orange County Great Park Corporation is a non-profit corporation overseen by a nine-member Board of Directors, comprised of the five Irvine City Council members and four public member seats appointed by the Board of Directors as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the structure of the Orange County Great Park Corporation fulfills the will of the voters, the promises made in the Measure W campaign, and public statements made by the City of Irvine that the Great Park would be designed, developed and maintained by a body that included county-wide representation, allowed for public accountability, and ensured that all decisions about the Great Park would be made in the public forum; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, the Irvine City Council voted 3 to 2 to take all decision-making power away for the Orange County Great Park Corporation; and

WHEREAS, this action has undone the safeguards put in place to protect the public investment in the park, jeopardized the consensus-building efforts that have surrounded the redevelopment process, and threatened that the park will no longer be the regional asset promised to voters in Measure W;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS does hereby call upon the Irvine City Council to reconsider its action of making the Orange County Great Park Corporation an advisory body, and act to grant the Orange County Great Park Corporation Board of Directors full decision-making power again.