

# THE FCA BULLETIN

THE VOICE OF THE FOOTHILL COMMUNITIES ASSOCIATION

September 2002

## FCA COMMUNITY FORUM

**Tustin School Board Candidates Night**

**Measure G - Tustin School Bond Issue**

**Wednesday, October 16, 2002**

**7:00 PM**

**HEWES MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**(Corner of Hewes and Foothill)**

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

## **Community Forum**

Foothill Communities Association has always maintained that good schools are an integral part of our Community. In the past we spearheaded the drive to save our school sites after predicting the increased number of students now attending those schools. Our property values are dependent on maintaining quality public schools in our Community.

FCA is pleased to provide the October 16<sup>th</sup> forum, moderated by the League of Women Voters, for you to meet and ask questions of the candidates for the Tustin School Board.

Additionally, the meeting will also present information about Measure G, which is a local bond measure to provide \$80 million to make health and safety repairs and renovations to the 20 older schools in the Tustin Unified School District. Measure G will also provide additional classroom and lab space, replace deteriorating portable classrooms, and relieve serious overcrowding at some schools. Measure G will upgrade fire alarms and retrofit for earthquake safety; replace aging roofs; upgrade heating, ventilation, and electrical systems; replace deteriorated plumbing, sewer, and gas pipes; and completely renovate heavily worn student restrooms. Due to the age of our older schools, all currently qualify for state money for facilities repair and renovation. Tustin schools are eligible to receive at least \$37 million from future state bond funds. However, state money requires matching local funds. Without Measure G, state money will go to other school districts to fix their schools. The cost to a homeowner or property owner in our District will be approximately \$39 annually per \$100,000 of assessed value not market value

## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Dear North Tustin Neighbors,

Several issues affecting our Community have occurred this summer. Airport noise, annexation, zoning, and the quality of our public schools continue to challenge our Community.

1. The County is going ahead with a traffic signal system at Esplanade and Fairhaven. Further, a storm drain modification will take place within the same area.
2. Measure G, on the November 2002 ballot, is an \$80+ million bond measure to repair and renovate existing schools (30+ years old) in the district. A public meeting to discuss this measure is planned for October 16<sup>th</sup> at Hewes School. This is the first school bond activity in the Tustin area in a very long time. It appears to be a needed and worthwhile proposal that will support both school facilities and real estate values. Everyone is welcome at the October 16<sup>th</sup> forum. Please plan to attend!
3. The City of Newport Beach has gone on record supporting an expanded flight schedule at JWA. The good news is the curfew remains. The bad news is the number of flights increases. We were shocked that Newport Beach supported this increase in flights.
4. Todd Spitzer will most certainly leave the Third District Supervisor position for a seat in the Assembly, and a replacement election will be held in January. Our Community's future will be affected by his replacement.
5. We are facing more potential annexations by the City of Tustin. We continue to push to maintain our rural and low-density zoning. We have seen and will continue to see efforts to increase density by various zoning and use permit applications, and you must realize these are strong efforts to change the face of the landscape in North Tustin. Without your attention, the Community can change and change dramatically! If you view the development to the southeast, you will see high density and vanishing open space. **YOU** are needed to be part of FCA so we can protect the Community that you call home.

Join FCA! Ask your neighbors to join us. Come to our Board Meetings. Your Board attempts to gather all the facts and to keep abreast of the movement within the County. The future rests with us. Please join!

Sincerely,

Bruce Junor, President  
Foothill Communities Association  
714-544-5958 or e-mail [bjunor@aol.com](mailto:bjunor@aol.com).

P.S. Please send us your email address - we are trying to get an email newsletter together. It will allow us keep you informed on immediate problems and what actions you can take.

## EL TORO AND JOHN WAYNE AIRPORTS

As most of you are aware, in March 2002, 57% of Orange County voters approved Measure W, the Central Park and Nature Preserve Initiative. This initiative removed an airport from the plan for the closed El Toro MCAS and replaced it with non-aviation uses. Within two weeks, pro airport supporters filed a lawsuit to overturn Measure W on the grounds that

Soon after the March election, the U.S. Navy initiated actions to turn over the El Toro property to local authorities, acknowledging that the issue of a large airport appears to have been settled. After consultations with county and City of Irvine authorities, the Navy has indicated that they support annexation and master planning of the property by the City of Irvine and will work with Irvine to find buyers for part of the property. This approach came after County Supervisors voted to support these plans, effectively giving up County efforts to develop an airport. The detail plans are presently being developed by the city. The plan includes 4000 acres (84% of the land) designated for park use, open space, recreational and educational uses, riparian corridors, a museum and exposition area, sports fields, golf courses, university campus, permanent agriculture, a nature preserve, and a cemetery and veterans memorial. An additional 784 acres would be zoned for up to 3400 homes and 2.9 million square feet of retail space.

With the apparent demise of an airport at El Toro, the residents of North Tustin are more susceptible to the potential impact of the projected demand for increased air traffic at John Wayne Airport. The airport currently has restrictions on annual passenger capacity, number of flights and hours of operation, based on agreements between the County and the City of Newport Beach. These agreements are in force through the end of 2005. The County Supervisors recently voted to accept a new agreement with the City of Newport Beach that extends restrictions to 2015 and increases regulated flights from 73 to 85 per day, passengers to 9.8 million per year, cargo flights from 2 to 4 per day, and passenger gates from 14 to 18. Night flight curfew will be continued until 2021. The airlines and the FAA must approve this agreement.

Many residents have already noticed more aircraft approach traffic over our homes since the airlines do not have the flight path restrictions formerly associated with El Toro military flights. If anyone is annoyed by the current John Wayne Airport related noise, they should call the noise hotline at 949-252-5185. For concerns with potential future increased aircraft operations, please call Supervisor Todd Spitzer's office at 714-834-3330. Information: Hal Marshall, 544-7463 or [halow@juno.com](mailto:halow@juno.com)

state and federal law gives county supervisors the right to decide the uses of closed military bases. The case venue has been assigned to the Southeast District of Los Angeles County (Norwalk). A motion to shortcut the legal process has been filed by the pro-airport people and a hearing on this motion is scheduled on September 18, 2002.

## CITY OF TUSTIN ANNEXATION

Although an application has not been filed with the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo), the City of Tustin is expected to proceed with the annexation of an 11-acre "island" of unincorporated territory. The area with approximately 45 homes is north of 17<sup>th</sup> Street, south of Santa Clara, and west of Prospect on Grovesite and parts of Bonner, Loretta, and Medford.

As part of our financial recovery following the bankruptcy, Orange County created a Restructuring Plan (<http://www.oc.ca.gov/restruc2.htm>). This plan, adopted in 1996 is a blueprint for the County to reduce municipal services and concentrate on regional services. With Supervisor Spitzer's assistance, a moratorium was placed on any large scale annexation of North Tustin. It was deemed that North Tustin had a community identity separate from surrounding cities. Yet, in 1999 AB 1555 was passed by the State Legislature. AB 1555 significantly streamlines the annexation process for unincorporated islands that are less than 75 acres. Under AB 1555 if an island annexation is initiated by city resolution, LAFCo cannot deny the annexation. An island annexation becomes final following the Commission's approval – there is no appeal, protest, or election at any stage of the process. AB 1555 expires in 2007.

The County's official position is that it is in the best interest of all concerned for large and small islands to be annexed to a city. Our Community will certainly be affected by AB 1555. North Tustin must work to insure the moratorium on the annexation of our Community remains in place. For information regarding the proposed 11-acre annexation, contact Tim Goepfinger, [timgep@pacbell.net](mailto:timgep@pacbell.net). Additional information: [www.oclafco.ca.gov](http://www.oclafco.ca.gov).

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### **FCA Board Meetings**

Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday  
of the month - 7:15 pm,  
PFF Bank (Prospect & 17<sup>th</sup>).  
To confirm date and location, call:  
Elva Woodland, 633-2726  
**All members welcome!!**

### **FCA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Congratulation, Sylvia Beltran, recipient of the 2002 Foothill Communities Association Scholarship. Dessa Schroeder and Carol McCauley presented the community scholarship award to the graduating senior at the June Foothill High School Awards Program.

To continue this worthwhile program, we need your support and contributions. Your donations can be made using our membership form on the back page of this Bulletin.

**JOIN FCA NOW - HELP PROTECT NORTH TUSTIN**

Please clip and mail with your check to FCA, P.O. Box 261, Tustin, CA 92781

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City (9 digit zip please) saves postage

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | \$75 North Tustin Patron                | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$100 North Tustin Leadership Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Donation to FCA School Scholarship Fund |                          |                                       |

I/we are interested in helping or serving on:

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