



FOOTHILL COMMUNITIES ASSOCIATION
Serving the Entire Unincorporated North Tustin Area
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Orange County LAFCO
12 Civic Center Plaza, Room 235
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: Position for public hearing on June 17, 2009

Re: Proposed Sphere of Influence (SOI) update for the Cities of Orange and Tustin in the unincorporated North Tustin area (SOI 08-04)

Dear Commissioners:

The Foothill Communities Association (FCA) is a mutual benefit corporation that represents residents throughout the unincorporated North Tustin area. The FCA Board of Directors supports the North Tustin Advisory Committee in its recommendation that the spheres of influence (SOI) for the Cities of Orange and Tustin be removed from the entire North Tustin unincorporated area.

The residents of the unincorporated area consider North Tustin to be a distinct and unified community. In the past proposed annexations have been met with overwhelming opposition. Removal of the SOI of both cities would prevent any future piecemeal annexations. Past annexation attempts have often been driven by a desire for developments that were incompatible with the North Tustin Specific Plan and surrounding single family residential areas.

FCA strongly urges that the spheres of influence be removed from our community.

Sincerely,

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