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CITY OF TUSTIN COUNCIL MEMBERS AGREE TO DEDICATE MANY EXTRA HOURS TO COMMUNITY SERVICE THROUGH REGIONAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

TUSTIN, Calif. – At its January 2, 2007 meeting Mayor Lou Bone made Council appointments to several regional boards. In addition to their City duties, Council Members serve on regional boards that make policies that affect the City of Tustin, its businesses and citizens. For the past several years, the Tustin City Council has made involvement in these regional boards a priority and part of serving the community.

“As time has progressed and Orange County has become a large urban region, the duties and responsibilities of a Council Member have become broader. Many decisions on policies and obtaining local funding are made on regional boards,” said Mayor Lou Bone. “There are opportunities for Tustin Council to be involved in areas such as water run-off to freeway congestion and availability of local groundwater to regional housing policies – and everything in between. Although these boards add significant time to our workload, we think it is worth contributing since it directly affects our quality of life in Tustin.”

Mayor Lou Bone made the following appointments to the following boards:

Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency – Bone and Amante. This agency oversees the 73, 241, 261, and 133 Toll Roads in Orange County.

Growth Management Areas – Amante and Bone. This committee was established to create policies for planning traffic improvements that are necessary for orderly growth and development.

Newport Bay Watershed Executive Committee – Amante and Palmer. This county department develops regional management strategies to preserve, protect, and enhance coastal resources and surface waters throughout the county.

Orange County Council of Governments – Bone and Palmer. This council is a voluntary advisory association representing member local governments and agencies throughout Orange County seeking cooperative regional planning, coordination and technical assistance on issues of mutual concern.

Orange County Fire Authority – Davert and Palmer. The Orange County Fire Authority is a regional fire service agency that serves 22 cities in Orange County and all unincorporated areas.

Orange County Library Board – Palmer and Amante. This board advises the Orange County library system on policies and practices for each of its 32 libraries.

Orange County Sanitation District – Davert and Palmer. The Orange County Sanitation District operates the waste water agency for 2.5 million customers in central and northwestern portions of the county. This includes collection, treatment and disposal or reclamation of the 2.5 million

Orange County Vector Control – Hagen (two year appointment given last year). This board oversees public health in the area of vector related problems such as rats, flies, mosquitoes and fire ants.

Santa Ana/Tustin Joint Powers Agency (JPA) – Bone and Amante. The JPA was established to identify needed transportation system improvements and their appropriate priority, determine development fees, and control the expenditure of development fees for area-wide transportation system improvements which benefit the community.

Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency – Palmer and Amante. Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency was formed in 1974 to promote a Corps of Engineers project on the Santa Ana River to remedy a major flood threat to the County.

Senior Fund Board of Directors – Palmer and Davert. – This board oversees the non-profit fund belonging to the senior center that is used to generate monies for capital improvements and educational classes.

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) – Bone. This consortium of Southern California local governments works together on regional planning with the ultimate goal of a higher quality of life of all of Southern California.

Tustin Pride Committee – Palmer and Bone. The Tustin Pride Committee is a community organization dedicated to making our city more attractive.

Tustin Unified School District Liaison – Davert and Amante. This committee ensures that communication channels are open and the City and School District are working cooperatively for the citizens of Tustin.

Water Advisory Committee of Orange County – Palmer and Bone. WACO is comprised of elected officials and staff from all levels of government, as well as engineers, attorneys, consultants, residents and others who share a common interest in the water issues facing Orange County.

About the City of Tustin

Located in the heart of Orange County, Tustin embraces both the historical past of citrus groves and the promising future of a vibrant 21st Century economy. From rustic Old Town Tustin to vital Tustin Ranch and the emerging Legacy development, Tustin is the place that 71,767 people, many families and businesses choose to call home. Tustin is the most dynamic city in Orange County and a significant contributor to Orange County’s world-competitive economy. Families choose to live in Tustin because of its central location and small town feel. Businesses choose to locate in Tustin because of its central location and easy access to transportation. The City is proud of its reputation for sound fiscal management and its progressive, business-friendly atmosphere.

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