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## TUSTIN MAYOR LOU BONE'S 2007 RESOLUTIONS

**TUSTIN, Calif.** – Mayor Lou Bone, whose term will last through 2007, has identified several areas he will focus his efforts on behalf of the residents and businesses of Tustin.

“It is an honor for me to serve my community on the council, and I take my leadership role as mayor very seriously. There are several areas where I will work hard this year to improve the City of Tustin,” said Mayor Lou Bone. “Tustin has been my home for many years and making it a better place to live is the driving force for being active in my community. I plan to fulfill this through several goals that will help build community, increase housing values, enhance education opportunities, and keep Tustin one of the best cities in Southern California.”

Mayor Lou Bone's resolutions follow.

**Continue to move the Tustin Town Center project forward.** Last summer, Tustin sponsored an advisory panel from the Urban Land Institute (ULI) to provide their expertise in examining several large study areas in the central portion of Tustin that might be appropriate for in-fill revitalization opportunities. Over the next year, the City will work with community members and property owners who wish to participate in planning for the revitalization effort. After ULI made suggestions on potential ways to move forward, the Mayor, City Council,

and City Staff, along with significant input from the community, will move forward with a plan.

**Become compliant with AB 939.** In 1989 AB 939 was passed, and became state law, mandating all cities to reduce the amount of trash being delivered to landfills by 50%. A time period for compliance was provided by subsequent legislation and that time period has now passed. Many cities have not yet been able to comply with the law and the State is authorized to impose fines of up to \$10,000 a day to those who aren't. Tustin has been working toward meeting the 50% mandate through recycling programs with the City's waste hauler. In order for Tustin to meet the 50% mandate, more residents and businesses need to participate in recycling. This year, under the Mayor's direction, the City will be looking at ways to comply with the law that could include enhanced commercial and multifamily recycling programs, processing all waste through a Material Recovery Facility, and/or soliciting proposals for a new trash contract.

**Improve Tustin Train Station.** As part of a councilmember's duties, he or she sits on regional boards. Since Mayor Bone is a strong proponent for rail, he serves on the Metrolink Board of Directors and is the Chair of the MAGLEV Task Force. In that capacity, the Mayor has made rail in Tustin a priority. Through his diligent hard work, funding for the construction of a parking structure for Tustin's Metrolink station has been secured through the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA). The plans for the structure will be designed this year and construction will begin in 2008. The structure provide 500 parking stalls in addition to the 317 existing stalls at the station.

Through the "Go Local" program with OCTA, Tustin has taken advantage of \$100,000 a grant to study local and regional transit enhancements to the Tustin Train Station. This will include examining additional offsite parking, better

pedestrian access to and from the station, and possible shuttles from key areas such as the Irvine Business Complex, Tustin Legacy, and Old Town Tustin. Additionally, with Mayor Bone's leadership, the City will be looking into adding a concession such as a coffee cart at the station.

**Continue moving forward on the Red Hill Rail Quiet Zone.** Mayor Bone will keep the Quiet Zone, to be located at Red Hill Avenue and the railroad tracks just north of Edinger Avenue, moving forward. A Quiet Zone establishes a standard of safety that is higher than traditional "whistle blowing" intersections with special features so that the whistle is no longer necessary. Because rail trips through Tustin will continue to increase, a Quiet Zone will help enhance the quality of life for those living near this rail crossing. This year the City expects to have a Memorandum of Understanding in place with OCTA and Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) that will guide the design of the Quiet Zone and safety enhancements for the intersection.

**Streamline City Committees.** This year the Mayor will look at how to streamline City committees to make them more effective for residents and businesses and make more effective use of City staff's time. The committees that will be evaluated will be: Planning Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Historic Resource Commission, Audit Committee, and Tustin Pride Committee.

**Begin Planning for uses at the Katherine Spur.** Between the neighborhoods of Peppertree and Tustin Meadows, there is an abandoned rail spur that is no longer used. Currently, this area is overgrown and unusable. The Mayor plans to look at options as to how to make good use of this area. Some possibilities could include a park or a walking paseo.

**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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