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IRVINE, CA – On Tuesday night the Fullerton city council took a vote on the approval on the Chevron development that would have built 760 homes on 510 acres in West Coyote Hills. The proposal also included building of nature preserves, trails, and significant funding for local schools. The council voted down the proposal in a 3-2 vote. The rejection of the proposal came as a shock to the private sector; **specifically Shawn Nelson's vote to deny the project, since Councilman Nelson, in his race for Supervisor, claims to be a pro business / pro property rights conservative.**

Kristine Thalman, BIA/OC CEO comments, "I am truly shocked Shawn Nelson voted against this important project and I question his judgment. This development would have meant 2,000 desperately needed jobs for the residents of our county." Reed Royalty, President of the Orange County Taxpayers Association stated, "I'm very disappointed in the City Council's decision to deny this opportunity for job creation and community development." Orange County Business Council CEO, Lucy Dunn added, "Denying one of the largest economic development opportunities in North County is a devastating blow. In a time where private industry is suffering from record high unemployment and the worst economic conditions since the Great Depression, denying this project was a bad decision and we are extremely disappointed."

OCBC, BIA/OC, and OC TAX all remain committed to promoting proactive participation in the progression of economic and community development issues in Orange County. To that end, we encourage elected officials at all levels of government support economic recovery and job creation. Standing in the way of economic development opportunities is counter productive and dangerous to the economic health of our region.

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