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**City of Tustin's Approves Building Industry Association,  
Orange County Economic Stimulus Plan**

Irvine, CA., (October 8, 2008) - The Building Industry Association of Southern California, Orange County Chapter (BIA/OC) applauds the Tustin City Council for their unanimous decision to enact a comprehensive economic stimulus package which includes numerous actions aimed at recovery in the local housing market.

Kristine Thalman, CEO of the BIA/OC said, "The economic well-being of the City of Tustin is directly related to the fiscal health of its business community. It's for this reason that we consider the BIA/OC and our members to be key stakeholders in the City of Tustin and its economic health. BIA/OC is proud to partner with progressive city leaders that understand the broader economic picture to find common sense solutions to some of the pressures that our industry is facing."

Of equal importance, is the timing of the change, because of the economic downturn new construction in the City of Tustin has slowed considerably. This economic stimulus plan is going to allow Tustin create the workforce housing that the city needs. The impact of the downturn has had broad economic consequences affecting everything from the furniture industry to the auto industry, and countless local small businesses. Recently, the Cities of Orange, Anaheim, Santa Ana, Garden Grove, Mission Viejo, Irvine, Brea, and the County of Orange have all enacted economic stimulus plans.

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The Orange County Chapter of the Building Industry Association of Southern California (BIA/OC) is a non-profit trade association representing more than 1,000 companies employing over 117,000 people affiliated with the home building industry.

The BIA/OC mission is to promote proactive participation in the development of economic and community issues in Orange County. The BIA/OC is affiliated with the California BIA and the National Association of Home Builders.

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