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**Anaheim Union High School District is the First School District
in State to Defer Developer Fees**

**Orange County
Chapter**

Anaheim, CA., January 23, 2009 - In an unprecedented move, the Board of Trustees of the Anaheim Union High School District (AUHSD) voted 4-1 in favor of an economic stimulus proposal presented by the Building Industry Association of Orange County (BIA/OC). The measure which is set to expire in at the end of the calendar year is aimed at incentivizing new residential construction projects and putting people back to work in the City of Anaheim, by deferring the timing that the district collects school facility development impact fees. The BIA/OC has been advocating for local fee deferral throughout the region.

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Kristine Thalman, Chief Executive Officer of BIA/OC stated, "This is all about jobs. The building industry accounts for a significant part of the overall economy and these kinds of incentives will re-energize business activity and put people back to work. BIA/OC is proud to partner with progressive school district trustees that understand the broader economic picture to generate common sense solutions. Deferring fees will help ailing homebuilders by reducing loan interest costs, freeing up cash flow, and allowing builders to borrow less on construction loans."

This action by AUHSD follows previous fee deferral action by the City of Anaheim and the Orange County Sanitation District. Prior to the stimulus action, all fees were paid when building permits were issued. The deferral measure will extend the collection deadline allowing homebuilders to delay payment, roughly \$20,000 per new home, until construction is completed and certificates of occupancy are issued by the city. "While a number of cities have agreed to the deferral programs, to our knowledge, this is the first school district in the state to support this kind of proposal," said Thalman.

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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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