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The Honorable Carolyn V. Cavecche

Chairman, OCTA Board of Directors
Mayor, City of Orange

As a member of the OCTA Board of Directors, Chairman Cavecche serves as Chair of the Security Working Group Committee and the Executive Committee. Chairman Cavecche also serves as a member of the following committees: Regional Planning and Highways, Finance and Administration, Transportation 2020, State Route 91 Advisory, Riverside Orange Corridor Authority (ROCA) and the South County MIS Committee.

A graduate of California State University, Long Beach with a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology, Chairman Cavecche served seven years on the Orange Public Library Board of Trustees before being elected to the Orange City Council in June 2001. Re-elected in November 2002, she served as Mayor pro tem from 2003 to 2006, when she was directly elected Mayor of the City of Orange.

Chairman Cavecche has represented the Third District on the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors since March 2004. She was unanimously selected to serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors for 2007 after serving as Vice-Chair in 2006. Chairman Cavecche is also a member of the Finance and Administration, Regional Planning and Highways, State Route 91 Advisory and Transportation 2020 committees.

Chairman Cavecche has developed a strong interest in infrastructure and public works needs. She has served on the executive committee of the Orange County Sanitation District Board of Directors as chair of Operations, Maintenance and Technical Services. She was also a Sanitation District representative to a joint committee with the Orange County Water District overseeing the Ground Water Replenishment System, one of the largest water re-use systems under construction.

The Honorable Curt Pringle

Mayor, City of Anaheim
Member, OCTA Board of Directors

Anaheim Mayor Curt Pringle was elected in November 2002 and reelected in November 2006. Since he took office, Anaheim has earned the distinction of being a municipality with a “freedom-friendly” approach to governing – a spirit that has fostered greater personal, entrepreneurial and corporate initiative in the city.

Mayor Pringle brings to his office an exceptional depth and breadth of policy experience. He served with distinction in the California State Assembly from 1988-90 and again from 1992-98. He was elected Speaker of the California State Assembly in January 1996, which is considered the second most powerful office in state government, and served until December 1996.

Since taking office, Mayor Pringle has translated his “freedom-friendly” governing philosophy into a number of policy successes. Among them is the pioneering of tax-free incentives for both homeowners and new business owners, including the city’s first Home Improvement Holiday, which resulted in more than \$28 million in new investment, and Business Tax Holiday, which resulted in more than 500 new businesses opening their doors in Anaheim.

Mayor Pringle also spearheaded the approval of a landmark update to the City of Anaheim’s General Plan that included sweeping changes to the zoning code. This had led directly to the dramatic revitalization of the 807-acre Platinum Triangle, which includes the Honda Center and Angel Stadium, the historic downtown area, and portions of West Anaheim.

Technology has also been a high priority during Mayor Pringle’s tenure. In 2007, the City of Anaheim launched an online resource center for its residents. Dubbed “Anaheim Anytime,” this virtual City Hall allows residents access to city services seven days a week, 24 hours a day.



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Additionally, the mayor is working to dramatically improve cellular phone service in the city of Anaheim, intending to make Anaheim a city where residents and visitors never have to ask, “Can you hear me now?”

Because of his experience and depth of knowledge on a variety of issues, Mayor Pringle is regularly sought out at the national, regional and local level to speak on policy issues. Mayor Pringle also serves on two state bodies — the California High Speed Rail Authority and the Public Employees Post-Employment Benefits Commission. He is also a director of the Orange County Transportation Authority and a leader in the effort to create the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC), a world-class transportation and mixed-use activity center.

In addition to his civic duties, the mayor runs Curt Pringle & Associates, a public relations, governmental affairs and consulting firm located in Orange County. He also serves as an adjunct Political Science faculty member at the University of California, Irvine, where he teaches California Government. Mayor Pringle serves as Governing Board Member for the Ukleja Center for Ethical Leadership, California State University, Long Beach, as well as a member of the boards of the Tiger Woods Learning Center Foundation and the John Burton Foundation for Children without Homes.

A resident of the Anaheim/Garden Grove area for over 36 years, Mayor Pringle and his family live in Anaheim.

Arthur T. Leahy

[Chief Executive Officer, OCTA](#)

Art Leahy is Chief Executive Officer of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), a countywide transportation agency with 1,945 employees and an annual budget of \$845 million. Under the direction of a 17-voting member Board of Directors, he is responsible for planning, financing and coordinating Orange County’s freeway, street and rail development; bus service; commuter rail service; paratransit van service for the disabled; and a host of other transportation related programs. He has served in the position since January 2001.

During Leahy’s tenure with OCTA, the agency has undertaken some of the biggest projects in its history, such as the widening of the Garden Grove Freeway (SR-22) and the purchase and improvements to the 91 Express Lanes

toll road. During this time, ridership on the bus system and commuter rail systems have increased.

Leahy’s experience within the transportation industry is extensive. Prior to joining OCTA, he most recently served as the General Manager of Metro Transit in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, where he was credited with revitalizing their entire transit system. From 1971 to 1996, he served at the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). Starting as a bus operator, he worked his way up to Executive Officer of Operations, where he directed the efforts to start rail service with the opening of the Metro Blue, Red and Green lines and the operation of the MTA’s bus system.

Throughout his transportation career, Leahy has been active with the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), currently serving as the Chair of the Bus Standards Policy and Planning Committee and also serving on numerous committees striving to reshape the transportation industry to meet future mobility demands.

In 2005, OCTA was recognized as the “Outstanding Transportation System” of the year by the American Public Transportation Association. In 2004, the agency was recognized as the “Urban Community Transportation System of the Year” by the Community Transit Association of America. In 1998, Leahy was named the “Transit Professional of the Year” by the Minnesota Public Transit Association.

Leahy has a bachelor’s degree in Political Science from California State University, Los Angeles and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Southern California. He has two sons, Arthur and Tim, and presently resides in the City of Santa Ana with his wife, Leilia.

Natalie Meeks

[Public Works Director, City of Anaheim](#)

Natalie Meeks was appointed to the position of Director of Public Works/City Engineer in June 2007. She is responsible for overseeing operations of 251 employees and a \$150 million budget.

Areas of service provided by Meeks’ department include: Public Works Administration, Traffic and Transportation services including the planning and development of the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center ,

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contract administration, development services for the private sector, design for all public streets, storm drain and sewer improvements, construction inspection and survey services, development and the acquisition/disposal of public property, street maintenance, sanitation services, fleet maintenance and facility maintenance.

Additionally, Meeks is responsible for the development of the City's annual five-year Capital Improvement Plan, which details the department's construction activities.

Prior to being appointed Director of Public Works, Meeks served the City of Anaheim as City Engineer, overseeing Anaheim's Capital Improvement Program, a Traffic Management Center and the Development Services staff.

Her previous work includes the review and administration of developments in the Platinum Triangle, planned communities in the Anaheim Hills area and numerous commercial developments throughout Anaheim. She was a project manager in the partnership between the City of Anaheim and The Walt Disney Company to transform the Anaheim Resort Area. As part of the Capital Improvement Program, Meeks manages the City's Corridor Beautification Program, which resulted in significant improvements to many of Anaheim's busiest streets; a new citywide sewer model and \$35 million in various sewer improvements; as well as the implementation of infrastructure to support the City's goals in the Platinum Triangle.

Meeks received her bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from California State University, Fullerton and a master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Chapman University.

Meeks has resided in and worked for the City of Anaheim for the last 20 years.

Sheri Vander Dussen

Planning Director, City of Anaheim

Sheri Vander Dussen was appointed to the position of Planning Director on August 19, 2003. She oversees the Planning Department that includes Planning, Economic Development, Building & GIS, and Community Preservation & Licensing. During her first year with the City of Anaheim, she oversaw completion of a comprehensive update to the City's General Plan and Zoning Ordinance as well as

creation of the Master Land Use Plan and Overlay for the Platinum Triangle. She also successfully implemented the Home Improvement Holiday, a program that waived building permit fees for residential improvements to foster investment in Anaheim's neighborhoods, and a Business Tax Holiday that granted free licenses to new businesses in the community.

Vander Dussen came to the City of Anaheim from Irvine, where she worked since 1986. In 1996, Vander Dussen became Irvine's Director of Community Development, overseeing land use planning, annexations, building & safety, code enforcement, environmental programs, waste management, and business licenses. She managed the department through the highest level of development in Irvine's history, which resulted in approval of more than 37,450 dwelling units and 45.6 million square feet of non-residential development during her tenure. She also implemented Irvine's Design Excellence Awards program, recognizing developments that contributed to City goals of quality, accessibility, safety and open space.

Prior to her work with the City of Irvine, Vander Dussen was a Senior Planner with the City of Norwalk, after beginning her career as an Associate Planner with the City of Newport Beach.

Ms. Vander Dussen has taught at Cal State Fullerton and is currently a member of the CSUF Extension Advisory Board for a certificate program in Urban Planning. She has been a guest lecturer at UCI graduate courses in Urban Planning and Real Estate Development, and a featured speaker at national and regional conferences of the American Planning Association, the American Society of Landscape Architects and the League of California Cities. She served as a juror for the American Planning Association's 2005 national awards. She is also an active member in various community activities, including Valley Christian Schools and the Orange County Division of the Children's Bureau.

Vander Dussen graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of California, Irvine with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Ecology and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

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Kia Mortazavi

Director of Development, OCTA

Kia Mortazavi joined the Orange County Transportation Authority in 1998. Prior to becoming Executive Director of the Development Division, he was in charge of the Strategic Planning Division responsible for development of freeway, street, and transit projects, allocation of transportation funds to projects, as well as implementation of commuter rail services. As Executive Director of the Development Division, Mortazavi now has responsibility for planning, engineering, and implementation of regional transportation programs and projects in Orange County, including highways, commuter rail, and multimodal corridor improvements.

Prior to joining OCTA, Mortazavi served with the City of Irvine as Principal Engineer where he was responsible for the implementation of the city's circulation projects. Before his tenure with the City of Irvine, Kia worked at the Orange County Transportation Commission as project manager on a broad range of transportation programs, including work on the Santa Ana Transportation Corridor study, development of the comprehensive Long Range Transportation Plan for Orange County, and the 1990 Measure M Plan.

Mortazavi has twenty years of transportation planning and project development experience. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Irvine (UCI) and also holds a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering with an emphasis in Transportation & Urban Systems from UCI.

has included business strategies, financing approaches and preparation of bids related to highway and other infrastructure projects.

His experience includes the Texas Department of Transportation CDA program, the Indiana DOT Interstate 69, the divestiture of Highway 407 Central, Irish Toll Roads DBFO, Riverside County Toll Roads, the Province of British Columbia (Sea-to-Sky Highway), and Confederation Bridge Toll Structuring and Forecasts.

Eric Anderson

Senior Project Manager, PB Americas

Eric Anderson is a senior project manager and landscape architect with PB PlaceMaking with a focus on large scale infrastructure and transportation planning and design. He has a wide range of experience from large scale transportation planning projects to site specific detailed design and construction.

Anderson has been involved with the Denver Union Station project for the last five years and is currently the Project Manager for the coordination of the Master Developer, Environmental Impact Statement, and the 15% Preliminary Design. Anderson received his Bachelor of Science degree in Landscape Architecture from Iowa State University.

Steve Beatty

Chair, KPMG's Global Infrastructure & Projects Group

Steve Beatty is the Chair of KPMG's Global Infrastructure & Projects group for North America. He has a BBA from Wilfrid Laurier University, an MBA from York University and twenty years' experience with KPMG. He is a member of the Transportation Research Board Committee on Taxation and Finance (U.S. National Academy of Sciences).

For over twenty years, Beatty has led many major infrastructure transactions and has advised both public and private sector clients extensively in transportation planning, PPP policy development and project financing. He has assisted public sector clients in project scoping, process design, process execution and negotiation with private developers. For private sector clients, his assistance