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**Walnut City Council Opposes  
Bill to Fast Track Mega Entertainment Complex Stadium Tonight**  
*Majestic Realty and City of Industry's Move Would Trump Environmental Protections and  
Local General Plan*

Walnut, California, September 9, 2009 – Tonight the Walnut City Council representing over 30,000 residents voted to oppose a last-minute bill expected in the California Legislature that would circumvent the review process under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for a mega entertainment complex and stadium proposed by Majestic Realty Company in the City of Industry that has only 777 residents. This is the second time in 2009 that Majestic Realty has sought state subsidies and help while failing to find a team for the mega entertainment complex and stadium.

“By trumping local control and legal environmental protections through the legislature, our region would be forced to accept low-wage seasonal jobs and unmitigated traffic, bad air quality and noise impacts. If this can happen to Walnut and the San Gabriel Valley because of the legislature it can happen anywhere,” said Walnut Mayor Mary Su.

Mayor Su stated that the City Council determined in a resolution that “passage of the proposed legislation would undermine the public’s faith in the ability of the judicial system to enforce State planning and environmental laws.”

“Majestic has mischaracterized Walnut’s position describing the cost of mitigation measures as a “wish list” and Walnut as being an “extortionist.” Walnut’s initial list was based primarily on mitigation measures reflected in the Environmental Impact Review (EIR), typical of a populated city of over 30,000 residents. The city included items like traffic mitigations and air quality protections, that are similar to mitigation measures approved by Majestic in an agreement with neighboring Diamond Bar. Generally, through a negotiation process, broader requests become more specific,” said Mayor Su.

The City of Walnut is a general law city in California’s San Gabriel Valley, incorporated on January 4, 1959, with approximately 8.9 square miles and home to more than 32,299 people. It is primarily a residential community with over 600 businesses. The City has a rural charm which is preserved by a well defined general plan.