



## ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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### COORDINATED EFFORTS LAUNCHED TO ASSIST NUMMI WORKERS AND BUSINESSES

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For twenty-five years the New United Motor Manufacturing, Inc. plant in Fremont (NUMMI) has been an example of best manufacturing practices in the nation's automotive industry. Through the dedication and hard work of its employees, NUMMI became a benchmark of productivity as well as a teaching facility for other manufacturers. Today, we received the terrible news that Toyota will be reducing its global manufacturing capacity and that NUMMI will be closed as part of the restructuring.

For several weeks Alameda County has been working with the Governor's Office, a number of State agencies, the City of Fremont, and private sector companies to prepare an assistance package to keep the plant open. On short notice a plan was drafted representing an almost unprecedented collaboration across government agencies, state and local jurisdictions and public and private sector entities. It was hand delivered by Mr. Yoshimi Inaba, the President and Chief Operating Officer, Toyota Motor North America yesterday and reviewed by the Toyota Board of Directors prior to their making the closure announcement.

"NUMMI has been an important business partner, however, with their announcement today, our attention must be directed toward easing the difficulties for the workers who have given their best efforts and many years of their working lives to produce some of the finest trucks and automobiles in the world," stated Supervisor Scott Haggerty. The Supervisor also called for the creation of a Regional Community Response Task Force, comprising management, the union, local government and other key stakeholders to work with State and federal officials to help determine the best course of action and to assure that timely, accurate information is always available.

Fifth District Supervisor Keith Carson and Chair of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance stated that "It is important that all the workers -- those at NUMMI, at the suppliers and at the hundreds of other businesses supporting the plant's operations -- are provided the necessary resources and support. The extreme economic conditions we find ourselves in today increases the challenges we face. We will need to work together for a successful collaboration of management, labor and government agencies that will enable these workers to re-engage their skills in the economy. We cannot afford to lose their valuable contributions."

In response to the NUMMI closure announcement, Alameda County and its Workforce Investment Board are working to identify additional State and federal resources through:

- Federal Recovery for Auto Communities Team.
- State Energy Sector Partnerships and Training grants
- Dislocated Worker funding
- U.S. Department of Labor – National Emergency Grants
- The Employment Training Panel funds

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