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**ORANGE, Calif., May 26, 2004** Bring your family and friends to the first Great Park Public Symposium on Thursday, May 27 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza (Alton and Harvard). Dr. Hamid Shirvani, internationally renowned scholar in the fields of architecture and urban design and planning, will present his views on how to make the Great Park a success.

Americas leading experts in park design, planning and architecture will give a series of public lectures this summer to present their views on how to make the Great Park truly great. Public participation in every step of the planning and design process is essential to provide results in a park that meets the needs of every county resident. Join in this historic opportunity to create the greatest park in America at the former El Toro Marine Corps Air Station.

To kick off the series is Dr. Hamid Shirvani, FASLA, AICP, who is Provost and Executive Vice President and Martha Masters Professor of Art and Architecture at Chapman University. He has authored three books as well as numerous articles and papers. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, recipient of special commendation by the American Institute of Architects and the Seikyo Culture Award of Japan. Shirvani holds a Ph.D. from Princeton University and master’s degrees from Harvard University, Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute and Pratt Institute.

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