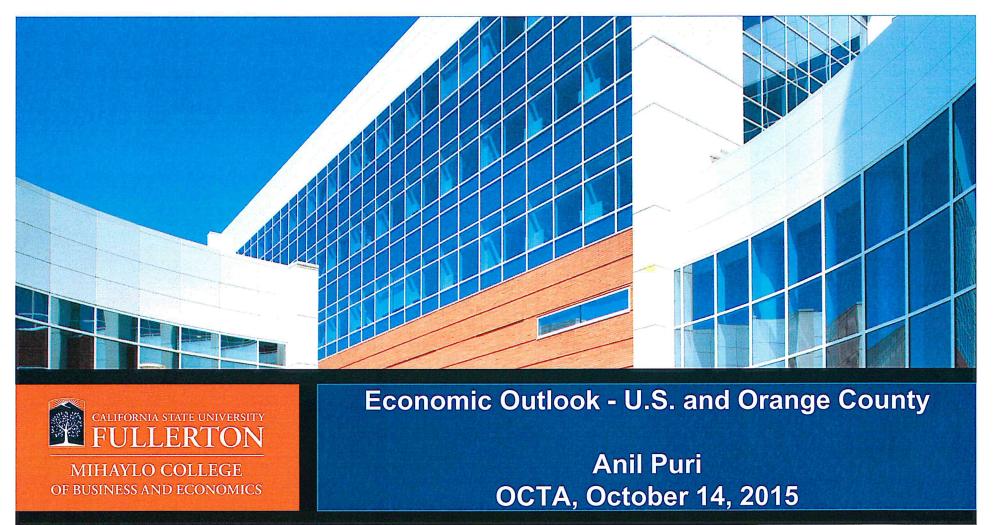


#### **ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

## Taxable Sales Forecast – California State University, Fullerton – Dr. Anil Puri, PhD

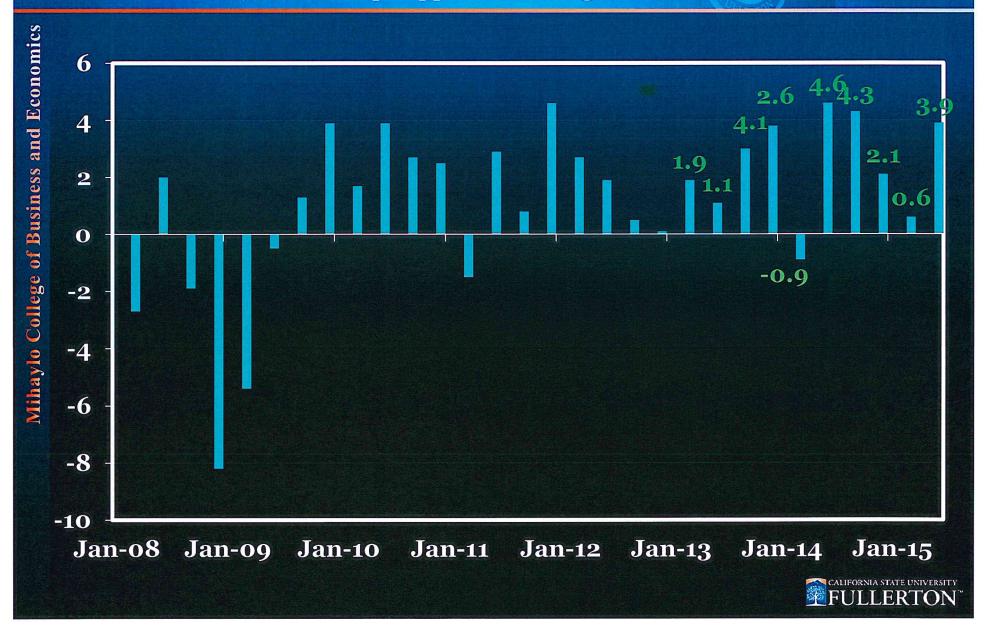
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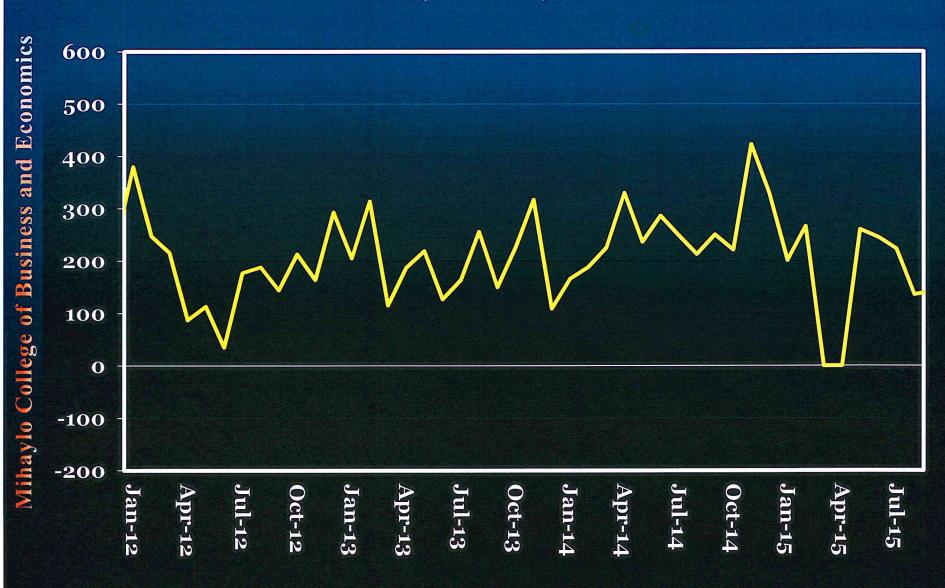
#### Real GDP Growth

(real GDP, q-o-q percent change, annualized)



### **US Payroll Job Growth**

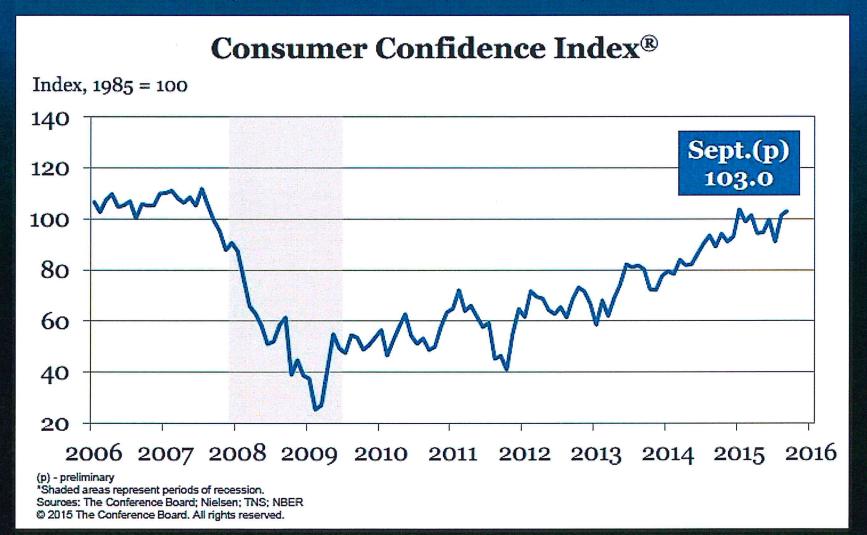
(thousands)



#### **Consumer Sentiment**

Still Below Normal, but Much Improved

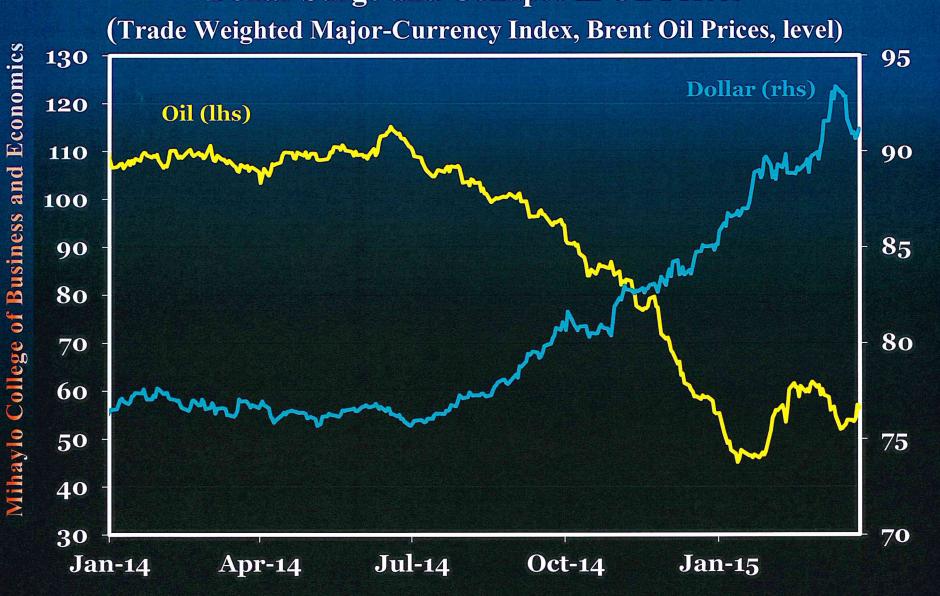
(Conference Board, Index level)





#### Two Major Developments:

**Dollar Surge and Collapse in Oil Prices** 



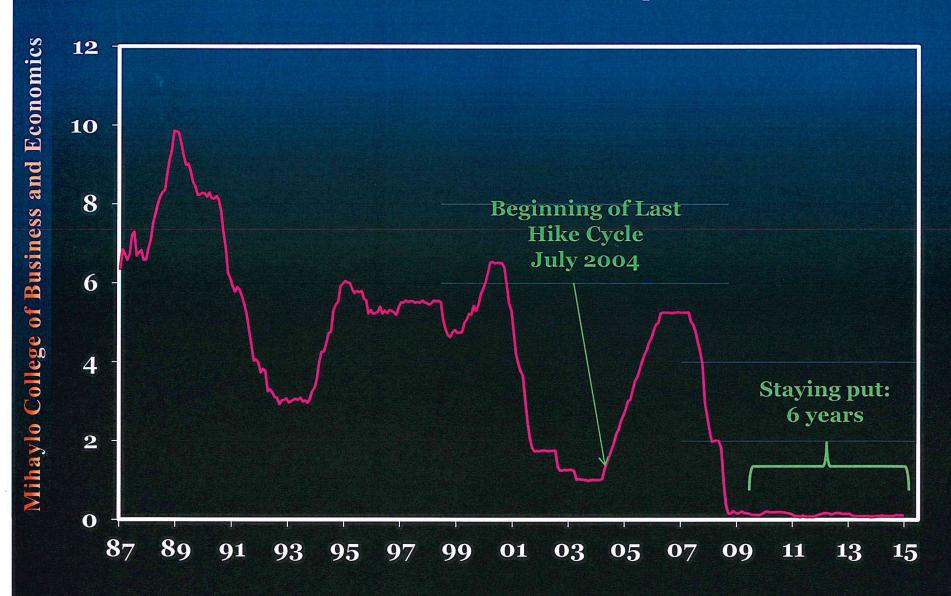
#### The Dollar Matters

**Exports are an Important Source of Growth in this Recovery** (contribution to Real GDP growth)

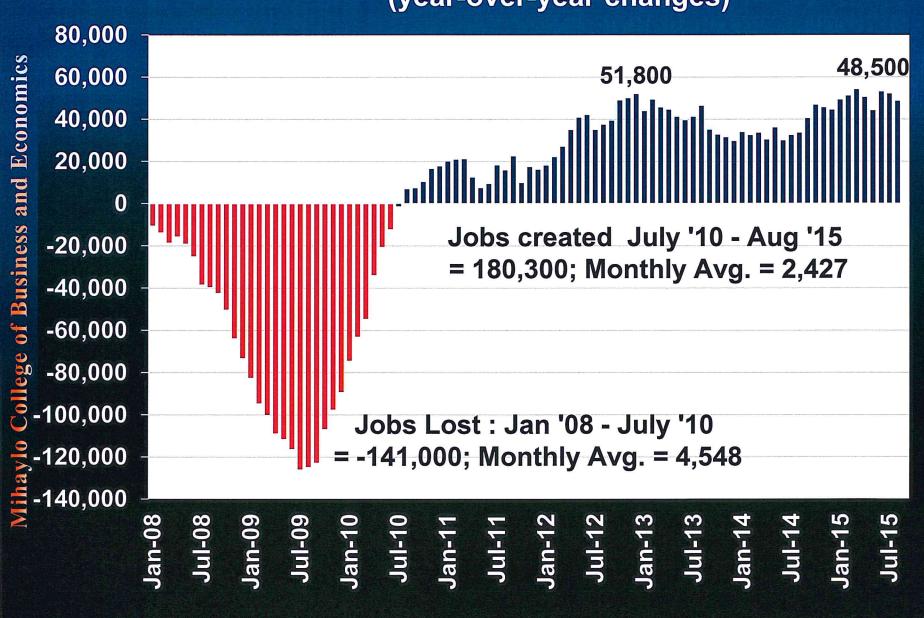


### A Momentous Move: Fed Tightening

(effective federal funds rate, level, percent)

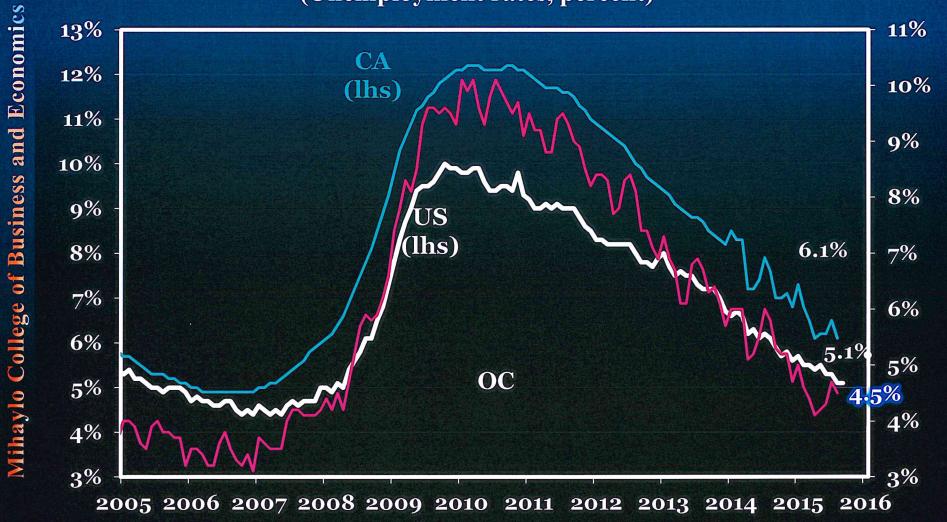


# Orange County Payroll Employment (year-over-year changes)

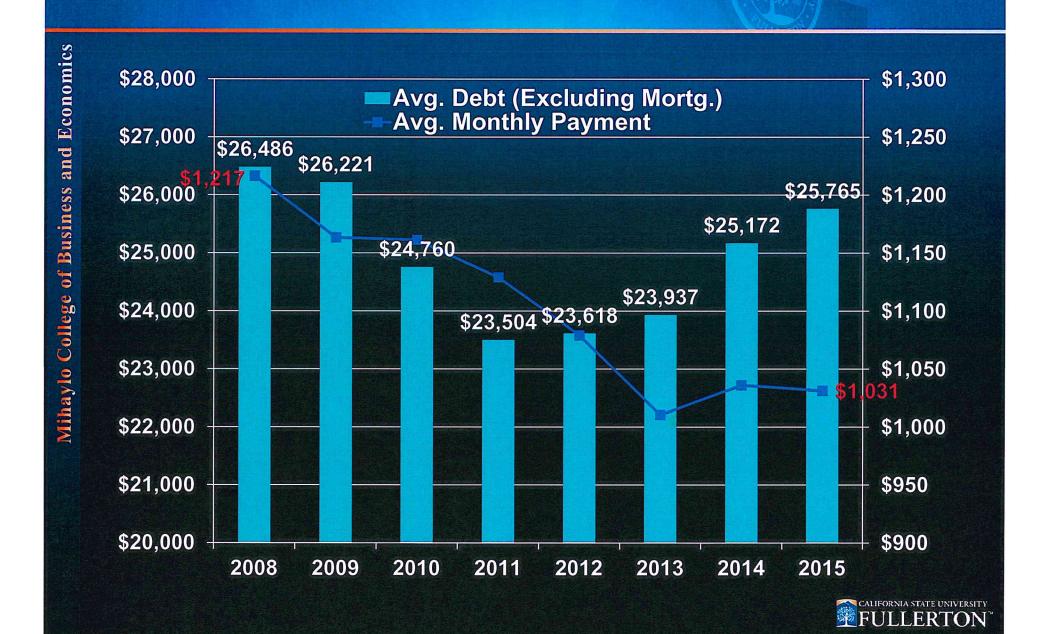


#### OC Unemployment Rate has Fallen Fast

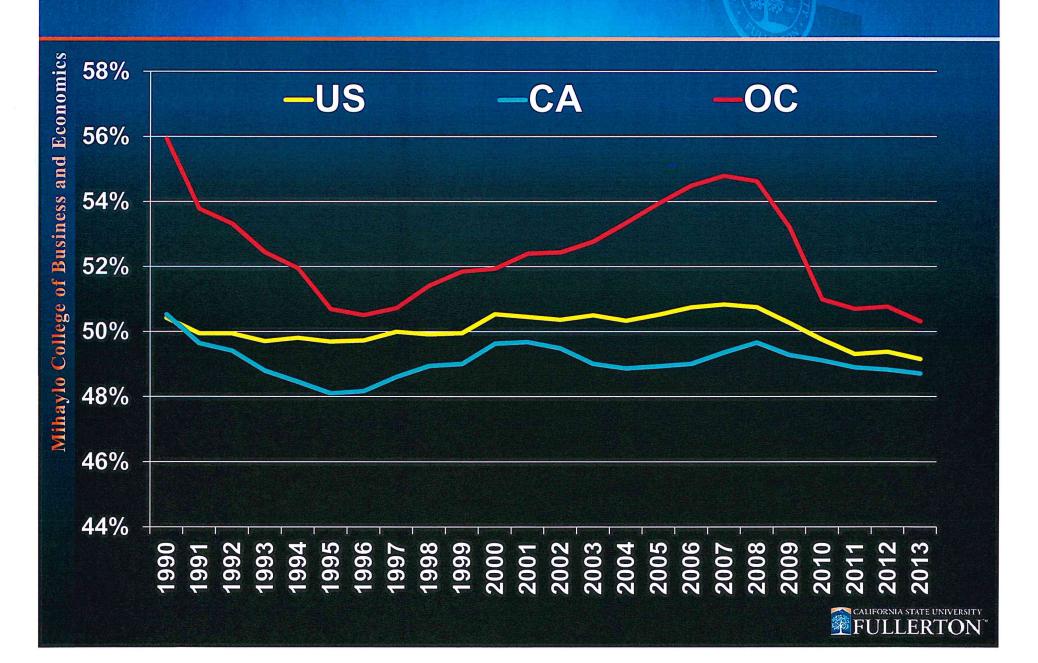
Decline has Outpaced the Nation's; Almost Back to "Normal" times (Unemployment rates, percent)



#### **Orange County**



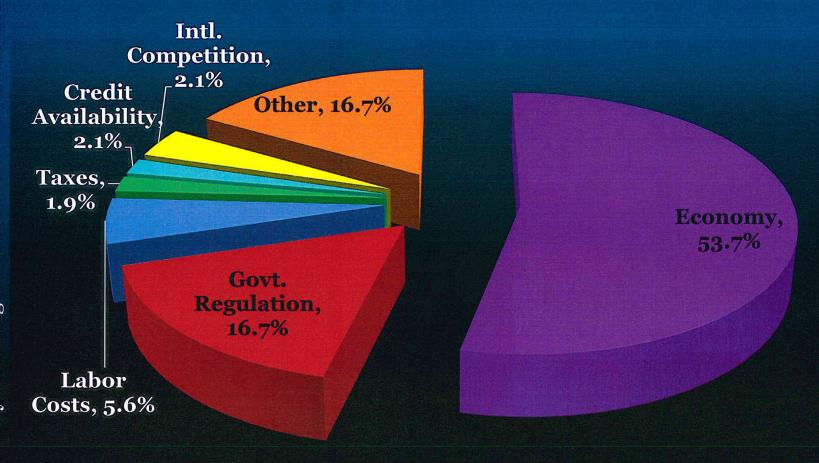
#### **Labor Force Participation Rates**



### **Business Most Significant Concerns**

**Orange County Business Executive Survey** 

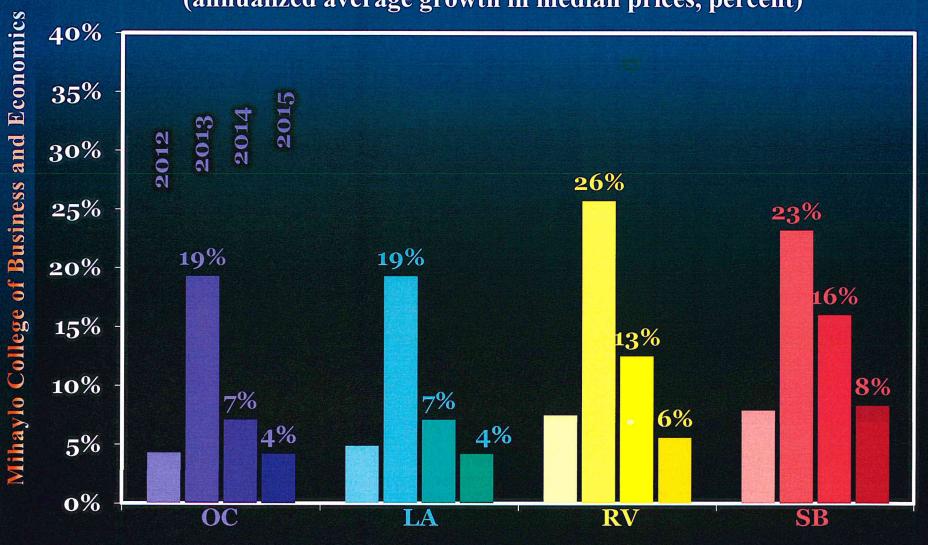
(percent of respondents, WCEAF)



#### Home Price Appreciation has Moderated

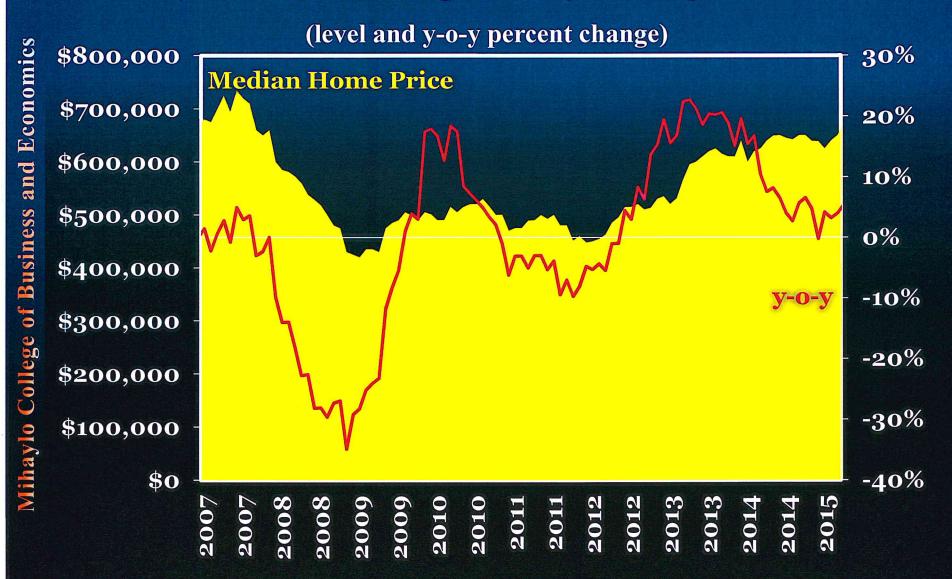
**Comparisons between Counties** 

(annualized average growth in median prices, percent)



### **Orange County Home Prices**

(Median Price - Single Family Existing Homes)



### **OC Business Expectations: Upbeat**

WCEAF OCBX Index and Employment Change

(OCBC Index and y-o-y employment change)



### **Payroll Employment Forecasts**



