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Mayor Pro Tem Represents Placentia and Orange County During the League of California Cities' Policy Committee Meetings in Ontario

PLACENTIA, CA – On March 30th - 31st, Placentia Mayor Pro Tem Chad Wanke represented the City of Placentia and the County of Orange at the League of California Cities' second policy committee meeting of 2017. Wanke serves on the Housing, Community and Economic Development Policy Committee, which is integral to the League's policy-making process. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Orange County Sanitation District and as a Commissioner on the Orange County Waste Management Commission.

"Placentia directly benefits from participation in this policy committee because our current planning projects like the Transit Oriented Development Plan and the Old Town Placentia Revitalization Plan have significant housing, community and economic benefits. Both Plans are heavily impacted by State legislation. The bills we reviewed in the Policy Committee directly affect the budget and quality of life in Placentia and Orange County. We use the Committee to develop policies that allow us to work with State lawmakers and shape future legislation to meet the needs of Placentia and Orange County residents. Without this meeting our influence on the State's decisions would be greatly diminished," said Mayor Pro Tem Wanke.

"At the last meeting, I made a motion to oppose legislation that would have forced cities to allow residential occupancy of industrial buildings. Although the bill made an admirable attempt at addressing the current lack of affordable housing in California, this bill would have imposed several unfunded State mandates on cities, forcing cities to divert funding from other critical municipal functions," said Mayor Pro Tem Wanke.

"These meetings are a great way for city officials to learn about legislative proposals affecting cities and offers an opportunity for individual cities to have their voices heard by the League and translated into direct advocacy efforts." said League Executive Director Carolyn Coleman.

There are seven standing League policy committees including: Community Services; Governance, Transparency and Labor Relations; Environmental Quality; Housing, Community and Economic Development; Public Safety; Revenue and Taxation; and Transportation, Communications, and Public Works. These committees evaluate proposed legislation as it relates to existing policy and make recommendations for legislation where the League currently does not have policy.

The League's policy-making process allows city officials to debate the issues facing California and the organization's policy directions to be established. Close to 400 city officials serve on the League's policy committees and add their collective expertise, wisdom and opinions to the policy debate that is the foundation of League policy-making process. The recommendations from the policy committee are forwarded to the League Board of Directors.

Following the April meetings in Ontario, the League's policy committees will meet in June in Sacramento and in September during the League's annual conference in Sacramento as needed.

For more information on the League's policy development process please visit its website at www.cacities.org/polcomm.

Established in 1898, the League of California Cities is a nonprofit statewide association that advocates for cities with the state and federal governments and provides education and training services to elected and appointed city officials.

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