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RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY HELD FOR OLD PLACENTIA CITY HALL RENOVATION

PLACENTIA, CA – The City of Placentia, in collaboration with the Fire and Life Safety Department and the Placentia Chamber of Commerce, proudly celebrated the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the revitalized Old Placentia City Hall on February 22nd. This event marked a significant milestone in preserving Placentia's history. Old Placentia City Hall is now home to the Fire and Life Safety Department Headquarters, the Chamber of Commerce Office and Visitor's Center.

Originally opened to the public in August 1940, Old Placentia City Hall was constructed as a Great Depression-era Works Progress Administration project. Designed in the classic Spanish Revival architectural style popular in Southern California during the 1920s-1940s, the building originally housed the City's Administrative Offices and Police Station until 1974, when the current Civic Center campus was opened to the public.

As part of an extensive renovation of this facility, the City replaced the roof and HVAC equipment and remodeled the restrooms so they are ADA-compliant. In addition, all the interior office spaces were renovated and expanded to provide a new home for our Fire and Life Safety Department's Headquarters, as well as new office space and a Visitor's Center for the Placentia Chamber of Commerce.

"The renovation of Old Placentia City Hall not only preserves our City's history but also provides a modern space to serve our community. This project represents our commitment to honoring our City's past while embracing the future," said Mayor Jeremy B. Yamaguchi.

"As the headquarters for our Fire and Life Safety Department, Old Placentia City Hall now serves as a vital hub for emergency services," said Fire Chief Jason Dobine. "We are grateful to the City for undertaking this project and providing us with our own space to conduct our operations."

With careful attention to detail, the renovation project paid homage to the building's original design and style. Using original construction drawings, the City replicated wrought iron gates and other decorative features installed in 1940. The interior courtyard was redesigned with classic Spanish Revival elements, including a new fountain as the central feature.

"The Chamber of Commerce is grateful for the collaboration and partnership with the City. Having the Chamber located in Old Town is more than just a relocation; it's a strategic move that will enable us to effectively grow and serve our members while contributing to the economic vitality of Placentia," said Placentia Chamber of Commerce President Walt Lynch. "The Chamber is excited to call Old Placentia City Hall home and looks forward to fostering even stronger connections between local businesses and residents."

"As stewards of Placentia's history, we took great care to maintain elements of the original design and style of the building, paying homage to our City's heritage. The completion of this project signifies a significant milestone for our community, and we are excited to see Old Placentia City Hall continue to serve as a cornerstone of our city for years to come as the Fire and Life Safety Headquarters, Chamber of Commerce, and Visitor Center," said City Administrator Damien R. Arrula.

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