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PLACENTIA WINS HEALTHY PLAY INITIATIVE AWARD AT CALIFORNIA PARKS AND RECREATION SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

PLACENTIA, CA – The City of Placentia is excited to announce that it has received the Healthy Play Initiative Award as part of the "Parks Make Life Better" campaign at the 2024 California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Conference. The recognition is presented collaboratively by CPRS, PlayCore, and GameTime.

Placentia stood out among other cities, being the only one in the State to receive recognition for **three** National Demonstration Site playgrounds at Koch Park, Tuffree Park, and Parque De Los Ninos. Placentia now has three of the thirty-five National Demonstration Playground sites in California located within its community. The recognition by CPRS, PlayCore, and GameTime highlights Placentia's commitment to creating vibrant outdoor play and recreation environments for its residents.

"This recognition is a testament to our City's dedication to fostering healthy lifestyles and providing top-notch recreational facilities and open spaces for our residents," said Mayor Jeremy B. Yamaguchi. "We are honored to be acknowledged by CPRS for our efforts in creating inclusive and engaging spaces for our community to enjoy."

"Community engagement and feedback are key in the process of planning and choosing the theme for each of our new parks. These playgrounds have been meticulously designed based on feedback from our residents and industry experts. We are excited to continue gathering feedback through innovative methods, such as QR code surveys, which will now be at each of these park locations, to ensure that these spaces meet the evolving needs of our community," said Community Services Director Karen Crocker.

The Placentia City Council approved the Placentia Parks Initiative Plan on June 1, 2021, as a comprehensive master list of park and building projects. The Parks Initiative aims to improve and renovate aging park infrastructure and amenities over the next five (5) Fiscal Years. Projects are prioritized by safety, equipment age, and funding sources. Since 2021, the City has made significant progress with the Placentia Parks Initiative and has completed five park renovations.

"We are proud of the collaborative efforts between the community and the City to bring these projects to fruition. The support of Measure-U funds and grants has been instrumental in realizing our vision for these playgrounds," said City Administrator Damien R. Arrula. "The Placentia Parks Initiative is a testament to the City's commitment to providing high-quality recreational opportunities for all its residents."

For more information on park projects and initiatives, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

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