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CONGRESSWOMAN STEEL SECURES \$750,000 IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR PLACENTIA'S NEXT GEN 911 DISPATCH SYSTEM FOR NEW PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER

PLACENTIA, CA – Congresswoman Michelle Steel recently secured \$750,000 in federal funding for Placentia's Next Gen 911 Dispatch System and associated Information Technology ("IT") infrastructure upgrades for the soon-to-be-completed Placentia Public Safety Center project through the congressional community project funding request process submitted on behalf of the City through Congresswoman Steel's office.

"We are incredibly grateful to Congresswoman Steel for her support to the City of Placentia and her dedication to prioritizing public safety in our community. This critical funding will significantly enhance our public safety capabilities and ensure that Placentia is better equipped to respond to emergencies efficiently and effectively," said Mayor Jeremy B. Yamaguchi.

The Public Safety Center is a brand-new state-of-the-art facility under construction at the Placentia City Yard that will house a 911 Emergency Communications Center and a shooting range for the Police Department. The facility is being designed with sustainability in mind and will include solar photovoltaic panels and battery storage systems to provide its energy needs. The building will be nearly 18,000 square feet on two floors and provide ample conference and classroom training spaces. It will also be able to accommodate joint or regional training events with neighboring public safety agencies.

The City will use this funding to build a Next Gen 911 Dispatch System and associated IT infrastructure in the Public Safety Building so that the facility may operate as a dispatch center and emergency operations center. The project will specifically fund 911 dispatch equipment and software, firewalls, servers, network sets and storage, radio equipment, and other IT upgrades necessary to conduct Next Gen 911 dispatch and emergency communications.

"This project will benefit the City of Placentia and surrounding communities because of its interagency compatibility and enhanced dispatch technology," said City Administrator Damien R. Arrula. "The City's existing dispatch system is outdated and has limited interagency compatibility. This modernization and centralization of the City's emergency operations, including the Next Gen 911 dispatch system and associated IT infrastructure, is critical to protecting public safety and can serve as an example for other agencies in California."

"Public safety is one of the primary purposes of local government, and I'm proud to have worked with Placentia's local officials to secure federal support for improvements to their 911 system. With this investment in new dispatch equipment, our constituents will benefit from increased response capabilities during emergency situations," said Rep. Michelle Steel (CA-48).

For more information on this project, please contact the City of Placentia Public Works Department at (714) 993-8148.

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