



City of Placentia Press Release

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Placentia Veterans Village

PLACENTIA, CA – The City is taking the lead on a state-of-the-art development that will bring permanent supportive housing to military veterans who are homeless or disabled. This high-quality Craftsman style development will be the first of its kind in Orange County. The City is partnering with the County of Orange, Mercy Housing California, and New Directions to plan, design, construct and administer the Placentia Veterans Village, a high quality, service-enriched, affordable housing development in the City of Placentia. The development site is a 3.65-acre unimproved site comprised of two parcels, one is owned by the Orange County Flood Control District and the adjacent parcel is owned by a private party. The Development is located adjacent to a newly constructed street located near the intersection of Orangethorpe Avenue and Lakeview Avenue; north of the Atwood Flood Control Channel. The current property is vacant and has frequently been used for illegal dumping. The new Development will improve the property significantly while addressing a need in Orange County and throughout the nation.

The proposed Development will include fifty (50) fully furnished apartment homes (forty-nine (49) for veterans and one (1) for one on-site management unit), a courtyard, community garden, recreation room, energy efficient appliances, computer lab room, and resident services offices. The state-of-the-art development will be LEED Gold, utilizing energy efficient design principles and building materials.

“The City is proud to be in the forefront of this much needed development,” said Mayor Craig Green. “Any solution to the increasing plight of the homeless in our community must include a focus on veterans who have risked their lives to protect our freedoms. Even one veteran sleeping on our streets is too many,” said Mayor Green.

On Tuesday, January 10, 2017 the City Council approved a development agreement and entitlements for the proposed Development and on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 the Orange County Board of Supervisors approved a long term lease agreement for Mercy Housing to begin the next phase of the Development, which will include preparing building plans and applying for State grants.

“I was extremely pleased to see that the County Board of Supervisors and our City Council have unanimously approved the necessary documents to make the Placentia Veteran’s Village a reality,” said City Administrator Damien R. Arrula. “Once developed, the Placentia Veterans Village will create a high-quality community that offers a unique model of excellent development combined with coordinated services to support our homeless and disabled veterans on set them back on a path toward stability. Placentia has taken the lead in this area and we hope that many other Orange County cities follow,” said City Administrator Arrula.

For additional information about this project, please visit www.placentia.org/veteransvillage.

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