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Placentia Receives \$610,000 in Grant Funding from the California State Parks Office of Grants and Local Services for the Renovation of Jaycee Parkette

PLACENTIA, CA – The City of Placentia is excited to announce that the California State Parks Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) has selected the City's Jaycee Parkette renovation project as a grant awardee for the fourth round of funding through the Statewide Park and Community Revitalization Program (SPP).

The City will receive the total requested grant amount of \$610,000 for the project. The Placentia City Council approved the submission of the project application for Jaycee Parkette at the November 17, 2020 meeting. The project scope at Jaycee Parkette includes removing and replacing the existing playground and rubberized surfacing, addition of water-efficient irrigation, new landscaping, renovation of park lighting, and the replacement of the existing park amenities. No match funding will be required for the Jaycee Parkette project.

"I am thrilled that Placentia has been awarded this competitive grant funding for the renovation of Jaycee Parkette. Park maintenance and improvements are among the City Council's top priorities. This grant will allow us to ensure the renovated Jaycee Parkette is done right," said Mayor Rhonda Shader, whose district includes Jaycee Parkette. "For the residents surrounding the Parkette, the reconstruction of Jaycee Parkette has been a long time coming, and I am eager for it to get started so that our residents can enjoy the new playground and park amenities."

This competitive grant program creates new parks, renovates existing parks, and creates new recreation opportunities in critically underserved communities across California. Funds for this program are provided through Proposition 68 (Prop 68). California voters passed Prop 68 in June 2018 to safeguard natural resources, such as parks and safe drinking water. Approximately \$134,000,000 of Prop 68 funds have been allocated to the State of California and Recreation to renovate existing parks throughout California for Round Four (4).

In Round Four (4) of funding, California State Parks is providing \$548.3 million in grant funding to more than 100 communities to deliver new parks and advance the "California Outdoors for All" initiative to enable all Californians to access parks and open space. 468 project applications were submitted for a total request amount of \$2.42 billion statewide. 112 project applications were awarded, including Placentia's, to create 50 new parks and 62 expansions/renovations of existing parks.

"With only 112 project submissions funded, the City of Placentia is fortunate to have received this highly sought-after grant funding. Thanks to this funding opportunity from the State, Placentia is excited to be planning for major improvements to Jaycee Parkette that are sure to be enjoyed by the surrounding community," said City Administrator Damien R. Arrula. "Upgrading our City parks has been long-

awaited by the community, and the City has been making significant progress since the adoption of the Placentia Parks Initiative by the City Council in June 2021. This funding from the State couldn't have come at a better time, and we are happy that the Placentia community will benefit from it."

Renovation on Jaycee Parkette is tentatively scheduled for Spring 2022. For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

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