



# City of Placentia Press Release

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## **CITY OF PLACENTIA HOSTS LOCAL OFFICIALS AT PLACENTIA NAVIGATION CENTER**

**PLACENTIA, CA** – In partnership with People Assisting The Homeless (PATH), the City of Placentia hosted the North Orange County Service Planning Area (North SPA) City Council Members and other local officials at the Placentia Navigation Center on Wednesday, February 22nd. The City wanted to provide newly elected North SPA City Council Members with the opportunity to tour the facility and meet and interact with the residents who are currently being served by the Placentia Navigation Center.

PATH, in partnership with the City and the North SPA, operates the Placentia Navigation Center, which provides 100 beds for individuals experiencing homelessness in North Orange County. Wraparound services such as housing navigation and health resources are available to all residents, with the ultimate goal of helping them find a permanent home.

“The continued success of the Navigation Center can be attributed to the great work of PATH and the partnership of the 12 cities who came together with a vision of this first-of-its-kind facility created to combat and end homelessness,” said Council Member Rhonda Shader. “I’m so glad to have been a part of this project since the beginning, and I look forward to many more years of success for the Center, the residents, and greater North SPA.”

"I am proud of all that continues to be accomplished at the Placentia Navigation Center. It was important for us to host the other North SPA cities at the Navigation Center so that they could see firsthand the positive impact the Center is having on the North Orange County homeless population," said City Administrator Damien R. Arrula. "Placentia looks forward to many more years of making a difference with the Navigation Center as more residents are moving into permanent housing through the assistance of high-quality services offered at the Center. I am grateful for the continued support from our partner cities, as none of this would be possible without their commitment and hard work."

“PATH is proud to partner with the City of Placentia to operate the Placentia Navigation Center, which serves up to one hundred adults experiencing homelessness. This interim housing site provides residents with wraparound supportive services and connections to stable housing. Our collaboration with the City and many generous community partners helps to reduce and prevent homelessness in Orange County,” said PATH Orange County Regional Director Melanie McQueen.

In 2022, PATH assisted 282 people experiencing homelessness and helped 37 people obtain permanent housing.

The Placentia Navigation Center is part of a regional plan to address homelessness in North Orange County. This Navigation Center is the product of a collaboration between 13 cities (Placentia, Anaheim, Brea, Buena Park, Cypress, Fullerton, La Habra, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Orange, Villa Park, Stanton, and Yorba Linda). It is a referral-only based facility with managed and controlled access in and out via transportation only. The Navigation Center works to not only house the homeless but to provide health resources, counseling, job and social skills, and opportunities to reunite with family and friends, with the goal of integrating North Orange County's homeless to become productive members of society while decreasing the homeless population in public areas.

For more information on the Placentia Navigation Center and the regional collaboration with North Orange County, please visit [www.placentia.org/homelessness](http://www.placentia.org/homelessness).

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