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City Mourns the Passing of Former Mayor and Councilmember John Martins

It is with deep sorrow that the City shares the news of the passing of a great community leader, former mayor and councilmember John “Johnny” Carlos Martins. John passed away in a motorcycle accident in Upper Ojai in Ventura County on the morning of June 15, 2018.

John was elected to the Artesia City Council in 2001, and served until 2009. During his time on the City Council, John served two terms as Mayor; one term from April 2003 to April 2004 and the other term from April 2007 to April 2008.

John and his family emigrated from the Island of Terceira in the Azores, Portugal in the 1960’s. In 2015, John Martins was appointed as the Honorary Consul of Portugal in Los Angeles continuing his efforts to connect communities. John was an active member and served many terms as President of the Artesia Divino Espirito Santo (D.E.S.) Portuguese Hall, a non-profit organization whose main goal is to promote Portuguese traditions and heritage through many diverse activities.

John is survived by his wife, Karen Martins, their sons, Cole and Kyle, his daughter Chelsea and her fiancée, João Couto, and his mother, Lenia Jacinto. John was a resident of Artesia for almost all of his life. He was a civic minded community leader, a prominent businessman, and a family man who will be greatly missed. The City mourns the loss of a great community leader who impacted the City government, non-profit groups, and the community at large.

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