



# Press Release

**City of Artesia, California**

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### Community Gathers for Interfaith Vigil for Peace and Tolerance

On Thursday, March 21 at 7PM, an Interfaith Vigil for Peace and Tolerance was held at the Veterans' Memorial in front of the Albert O. Little Community Center at Artesia Park. Many members of the community joined Mayor Tony Lima, City Councilmembers Ali Taj, Melissa Ramoso, and Rene Trevino, and faith leaders in reflecting and honoring victims of recent tragedies that have targeted people of many faiths around the world, and to celebrate peace and tolerance.

Mayor Tony Lima delivered remarks leading the community in calling for togetherness, peace, and tolerance, and asking the community to work together to condemn violence. Attendees lit candles in remembrance of the victims of hateful violence, and faith leaders including Pastor Bob De Leon of Calvary Chapel Artesia, Imam Yahya Asari of La Mirada Masjid, Pandit Vinod Dave, Hindu Sanatan Temple, and Rabbi David Cantor of Temple Beth Shalom Long Beach talked about the importance of tolerance and how we can all work to promote peace in our daily lives.

Calvary Chapel Artesia donated the candles for attendees at this event. The City thanks all residents and community and faith leaders for coming together for this event.



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