



Press Release

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City Welcomes Senator Bob Archuleta to Celebrate Landmark Grant for AJ Padelford Park

On Thursday, September 26, the City of Artesia welcomed the community and State Senator Bob Archuleta to AJ Padelford Park to celebrate the park's new picnic shelter and a \$5 million grant Senator Archuleta helped secure to expand the park, signifying AJ Padelford Park's bright future as an improved community resource.

At the event, Mayor Tony Lima spoke about the hard work the City has put in over the past several years to secure funding for the park's new picnic shelter. This past summer, the City used grant funding to design and build the new shelter, which is nearly twice as large as the one it replaced. He also spoke of the extensive efforts to improve the park as a whole and maximize its potential as a community resource. The hard work of Senator Archuleta and the City Council this year secured a \$5 million grant to expand AJ Padelford Park. "This grant will allow us to grow this Park to provide for even more people in the community and to make it into a spectacular place for kids to play and to grow," Mayor Lima said.

Senator Archuleta then spoke about his passion for improving communities and helping make Artesia an even better place for children and families. He spoke about all the benefits the new park, including new space for physical activities and sports and providing new space and activities for local at-risk youth and families. The City plans to work quickly to use the grant to build AJ Padelford Park into a bigger, better community resource, and to build upon recent successes to maximize this park's great potential.



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Located in southeast Los Angeles County, Artesia is a diverse, vibrant city with nearly 18,000 residents and a dynamic business community. The City of Artesia, a leader in sustainability practices and winner of three Beacon Spotlight awards in 2018 and 2019, is focused on serving the community with sound governance, 21st century infrastructure, and a commitment to public safety. To request services or share a question, visit our [Service Request page](#). To stay updated on our projects and events, visit us at CityofArtesia.us, like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @OfficialCityofArtesia, and subscribe to our YouTube channel @CityofArtesia.