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CITY OF CHINO HILLS CELEBRATES THE GRAND REOPENING OF CROSSROADS PARK FEATURING THE CITY'S NEW INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND



City of Chino Hills Mayor Cynthia Moran joined with City Council Members, City Commissioners, City Staff, and Chino Hills Community Foundation Board Members during a ribbon-cutting ceremony to unveil the renovated Crossroads Park.

Chino Hills, CA – The City of Chino Hills and community members celebrated the grand reopening of Crossroads Park on Tuesday, May 7, marking the culmination of a six-month-long renovation project to create the City's first inclusive playground and enhance accessibility and recreational opportunities for all members of the community. The park's transformation was unveiled during a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by Chino Hills Mayor Moran where members of the City Council, City Staff and Commissioners, and Chino Hills Community Foundation Board Members joined her to cut the ribbon and officially open the park for play.

"Every child, every resident, regardless of ability, deserves the chance to play, laugh, and feel included, and that is exactly what we are hoping this renovated park and new playground offers them," said Chino Hills Mayor Cynthia Moran. "This park is an extension of the City's PAGE 2 PR24-027

commitment to inclusivity, and we look forward to seeing families and friends come together to create lasting memories in this space."

The renovated park features new state-of-the-art inclusive playground equipment designed to accommodate individuals with mobility challenges and sensory sensitivities, large scale musical instruments such as jazz and harmonic chimes, ramps, transfer areas, accessible pathways, improved lighting, new picnic tables and benches, new accessible exercise equipment, an expanded parking lot, and refreshed tennis courts. Improvements and repairs were also made to the existing restrooms and gazebo area. The park also features a new monument sign at the entrance off Chino Hills Parkway to welcome visitors.

The City invested a total of \$1.275 million for the renovation project. The inclusive playground was made possible thanks to the generous support and \$125,000 donation received from the Chino Hills Community Foundation, with Foundation support from the Howard and Nikki Applebaum Foundation and the Jack and Gloria Kramer Family Foundation. Additional funding of \$210,000 was provided by the California Department of Parks and Recreation Proposition 68 Per Capita Grant Program and the remaining \$815,000 was funded by the City's General Fund and Community Facilities District Regional Fund, and \$125,000 by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Crossroads Park is located at 2765 Chino Hills Parkway. The park and park amenities are open 30 minutes before sunrise and close 30 minutes after sunset. For more information on the available amenities at Crossroads Park including gazebo rentals and reservations, visit www.chinohills.org/ParksandFacilities. For questions about Crossroads Park, please contact the Recreation Office at (909) 364-2700.



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