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CITY HALL CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY AT THE CHINO HILLS GOVERNMENT CENTER

Chino Hills, CA – It has been a decade since the doors opened to the City of Chino Hills' first permanent City Hall at the Government Center located on City Center Drive. The 59,000 s.f. City Hall opened its doors on Election Day November 4, 2008. The milestone was reached 17 years after 58% of the registered voters in Chino Hills voted to become the 24th incorporated city in San Bernardino County on November 5, 1991.

The Chino Hills Police Department was the first to move to the new Government Center on August 18, 2008. The 30,000 s.f. Police Department building was a welcome change after police personnel worked from temporary quarters at the McCoy Equestrian & Recreation Center for 20 months. Law enforcement's first home in Chino Hills was the "West End Station" opened by the County of San Bernardino at the corner of Peyton Drive and Grand Avenue in November of 1987. The old station was demolished in early 2007 to make way for The Shoppes at Chino Hills. The 16,000 s.f. Chino Valley Fire District administrative offices opened to the public on the same day as City Hall on November 4, 2008. The 28,000 s.f. James S. Thalman Chino Hills Branch Library opened to the public on February 28, 2009 on a day full of festivities including a dedication ceremony and open house for all four buildings at the Government Center.

According to City historian Denise Cattern, the first City Hall consisted of three modular buildings placed on property the City owned at Grand Avenue and Founders Drive (formerly Civic Center Drive). The 21,600 s.f. City Hall was dedicated with a community celebration on November 7, 1992. The City's first Chino Hills Branch Library had already celebrated its grand opening in September of 1992. The branch was renamed in 2004 to honor the City's second Mayor, James S. Thalman, who passed away in 2003. A 38% growth in population led to the 1999 Civic Center expansion that included a 1,000 s.f. addition to the Library for the Children's section; a 7,200 s.f. recreation building which set aside two thirds of its space for classes and programs; and a 7,200 s.f. building to house the Chino Valley Fire District administrative offices.

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