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PRESS RELEASE

City of Downey Awarded The John S. Todd Award from The California Contract Cities Association

Downey, CA, May 20, 2024: The City of Downey has been awarded the John S. Todd Award by The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) at the 2024 Annual Municipal Seminar. This distinguished award honors programs or partnerships that exemplify the contract cities model, promoting efficient and effective governance through collaboration and innovation.

Downey was recognized for its groundbreaking partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LA County DMH) through the Mental Evaluation Unit (MEU) initiative. This partnership, initiated in 2015, involves LA County mental health clinicians riding along with Downey Police Officers to assist with calls involving individuals experiencing mental health crises.

"We are honored to receive the John Todd Award from the California Contract Cities Association," said Mayor Mario Trujillo. "Our partnership with LA County DMH has been instrumental in providing compassionate, effective responses to mental health crises within our community. This award reflects our commitment to innovative solutions and collaboration in public service."

The Annual Municipal Seminar took place in Indian Wells, CA, from May 16, 2024, to May 19, 2024.

About The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA):

The CCCA advocates for the contract cities model, supporting municipalities in delivering cost-effective, efficient, and high-quality services. The association fosters collaboration and resource-sharing to improve local governance across California.

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