



# Press Release

City of Artesia, California

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### Mayor's State of the City Address Highlights Year of Accomplishments

On Tuesday, September 24, Artesia Mayor Tony Lima hosted the 2019 State of the City Address at the Albert O. Little Community Center, welcoming community members, dignitaries, elected representatives, and others to celebrate a year of tremendous progress for the City of Artesia.

In his address, the Mayor highlighted many points of progress and achievement for the City over the past year. Some highlights from the Mayor's address included:

- The City allocated over \$10 million to reserves this year, over 113% of the City's operating budget
- The City received over \$6 million in grant funding in the last year alone
- Crime has decreased over 15% year to date, on top of a 28% decrease last year and a 35% decrease the previous year
- This fall, the City will take delivery of an all-electric transit bus, which will be free to ride for everyone
- Prudent financial management allowed the City to purchase 1.43 acres for a new park on 178<sup>th</sup> Street
- The City received a \$5 million grant to expand AJ Padelford Park and built a new picnic shelter there
- The City opened the Artesia Community Support Center to serve the community, focused on workforce development and business start-up assistance
- The City received a nearly \$900,000 grant to plant nearly 400 new trees in Artesia and develop a long-term plan to grow Artesia's urban forest

The Mayor also spoke to the many awards the City has won over the past year, the success of the City's events and community programs, progress on sustainability goals, and more. Under the guidance of the City Council, the City Manager and City staff work hard to improve the quality of life for all Artesians, and look forward to many more great accomplishments in the year ahead.



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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](http://CityofArtesia.us), like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @OfficialCityofArtesia, and subscribe to our YouTube channel @CityofArtesia.*