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### **County, City Break Ground on High Desert Government Center and Hesperia Police Station**

HESPERIA – San Bernardino County First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt today joined 150 dignitaries and community members to break ground on the new High Desert Government Center and Hesperia Police Station. Among those at the ceremony were Hesperia Mayor Thurston “Smitty” Smith, San Bernardino County Sheriff Rod Hoops, Fifth District Supervisor Josie Gonzales and numerous other local leaders.

“By working together, the City of Hesperia and the County are saving millions of tax dollars, and improving service,” said Supervisor Mitzelfelt. “We will have a one-stop shop for High Desert residents who won’t have to search for the appropriate County office and will not have to drive to San Bernardino.”

The 67,000-square-foot building will be constructed on 4.42 acres of land donated by the City of Hesperia adjacent to its new City Hall and library and is being built in conjunction with the construction of a new city police station.

“Not only are we improving service to High Desert residents, but we’re also creating badly needed construction jobs,” added Mitzelfelt. “And we’re paying cash for the building with reserves we set aside during healthier economic times.”

The new government center will house several County departments, including: Agriculture/Weights and Measures, the Board of Supervisors, the Recorder, Fire Marshal, Human Resources, Land Use Services, Public Health (Environmental Health Services), the Assessor, Public Works, Registrar of Voters, the Treasurer/Tax Collector, and Veterans Affairs.

Supervisor Mitzelfelt, who served on the California Seismic Safety Commission, also insisted that the building be constructed with features that will ensure higher earthquake survivability so that the building will continue to function following a major earthquake.

“It is a benefit to the taxpayers when two public agencies work together for the public good,” said Mayor Smith, who added that the County and City have a history of strong cooperation. “This is a benefit to the entire High Desert Community.”

The City is planning several street improvements in the area that will improve traffic flow and access to the new center, which is expected to complete the downtown civic center and spur economic activity in the area. Construction is expected to be complete next year.