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## City of Laguna Niguel Supports Orange County Veterans' Cemetery at Gypsum Canyon

**Laguna Niguel, CA** – On August 17, 2021, the Laguna Niguel City Council committed the City's support to establish an Orange County Veterans' Cemetery. As part of this commitment, the City Council unanimously adopted Resolution 2021-1367, supporting the Gypsum Canyon Veterans' Cemetery, proudly in front of many Orange County veterans that were in attendance during the City Council Meeting.

Although Orange County is home to over 200,000 veterans, it does not currently have a veterans cemetery, while each neighboring county does. "Having a Veterans Cemetery in Orange County is extremely important. For our veterans to have a final resting place close by for their family to visit them is a way we can honor their lives and service to our country," said Council Member Sandy Rains.

Council Member Sharma stated, "the commitment that our service members and their families make is remarkable. Shared experiences and moments with loved ones are missed while in service to our country. Having a veterans cemetery in Orange County is the least we can do to show our deepest respect and gratitude for the sacrifices they have made."

Mayor Fred Minagar thanked Council Member Rains and Council Member Sharma for placing this item on the agenda. "I strongly endorse this resolution supporting a veterans cemetery at Gypsum Canyon in Orange County. It is important to proudly honor the brave men and women who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to our great nation."

The City of Laguna Niguel has been a long-standing supporter of active service members, veterans, and their families. This long-standing support is embodied by the Laguna Niguel Military Support Committee, which was established in 2007. The Committee works with its three adopted military units to provide resources and support to veterans and active service members and their families. The Committee is currently co-chaired by Council Member Rains and Council Member Sharma. To read the full resolution, please visit <https://bit.ly/3mbUxI3>.

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