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ADVISORY: Ten North Orange County Police Chiefs to Join Senator Josh Newman for Discussion of Plan for Addressing Homelessness, Public Safety

Leadership of North Orange County Public Safety Task Force and Executive Director of City Net will provide overview on programs and discuss multi-city homeless census

Buena Park, CA – This <u>Friday, March 2</u>, **Senator Josh Newman** (D-Fullerton) will be joined by law enforcement leaders from ten North Orange County cities to publicly launch the North Orange County Public Safety Task Force. Senator Newman and the ten law enforcement leaders will discuss public safety, specifically as it relates to developing gang activity, the homeless crisis, and regional solutions to both. They will be joined by City Net Executive Director Brad Fieldhouse, who will providing an overview on a <u>multi-city homeless census</u> that will be conducted by City Net, with help from the Task Force, in mid-March and early April.

WHAT: Senator Josh Newman and North Orange County Public Safety Task media availability

WHO: State Senator Josh Newman (speaking), Corey Sianez, Buena Park police chief (speaking), Brad Fieldhouse ED of City Net (speaking), police chiefs from Anaheim, Brea, Cypress, Fullerton, La Habra, La Palma, Placentia, Stanton, Yorba Linda

WHEN: 10:00AM Friday March 2, 2018

WHERE: Buena Park Community Center, 6688 Beach Blvd, Buena Park, CA

The North Orange County Public Safety Task Force is comprised of the police chiefs of the following North Orange County cities: Anaheim, Brea, Buena Park, Cypress, Fullerton, La Habra, La Palma, Placentia, Stanton, and Yorba Linda. The Task Force was created through \$20 million in state budget funding secured by Senator Newman. The Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional four-year pilot program specifically geared to developing new and more effective interdisciplinary approaches to gang prevention and homelessness outreach and intervention in North Orange County.

The Task Force launched in October of last year and since then has been working in collaboration with 38 community-based organizations from each of the 10 cities who provide services that hold promise for engaging at risk-youth and homeless populations.