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## **Spitzer and Veterans Advisory Council Chair Bobby McDonald call for Orange County Veterans Cemetery**

*Supervisor Spitzer says a Third District location search is underway*

(Orange County, CA) — Support for a veterans cemetery in Orange County has been gaining momentum but the obstacle of finding the right location has remained a major road block.

**“The Third District is a natural fit to provide a home to a veterans cemetery because it has the canyons and a significant and substantial amount of the most open space in the vicinity of the Marine Corps Air Station El Toro,”** Spitzer said. **“It’s time to come together in the Third District to find a viable option. I’m inviting Orange County leaders in the Third District to get the word out that we are in search of a land donation of over 100 acres to build a veterans cemetery.”**

Spitzer’s office said that he will be hosting an intense discussion of possible locations. He will be inviting each of the Mayors in the Third Supervisorial District, which includes the cities of Irvine, Tustin, Orange, Villa Park, Yorba Linda, and parts of Anaheim.

Orange County Supervisor, Todd Spitzer has partnered with the Chair of the Orange County Veterans Advisory Council, Bobby McDonald to host this meeting where they will call for land donations to build a veterans cemetery.

“I’m always looking to expand services for veterans. I ask myself, “Does this help a veteran?” and if it does, I’m in support,” Bobby said. Bobby McDonald is Spitzer’s District Representative and Chair of Orange County Veterans Advisory Council.

Spitzer said the County has already received interest in a parcel located in Modjeska Canyon. The 100.36-acre Saddleback Vineyards property is located between Modjeska Grade Road and

the Cleveland National Forest in the Foothill-Trabuco Specific Plan Area. The Santiago Truck Trail access route to the Cleveland National Forest is located on the northern ridgeline of the property. (Map Attached)

There has also been support for a cemetery to be constructed at the closed El Toro Marine Base, which Spitzer still supports but based on recent conversations, believes that alternative sites need serious consideration.

**“Whatever happens there, I’m going to work to honor our veterans and celebrate their heroism. We need to preserve and promote the important sacrifices that men and women have made to keep our country free,”** Supervisor Spitzer said.

California has the largest veteran population in the Nation with over an estimated population of 130,000 veterans in Orange County. As a County, Orange County has the third largest population of veterans but we don’t have a veterans cemetery. The Advisory Group will be looking for possible land donations of parcels larger than 100 acres.

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