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### **Lompoc's Thompson Park Opens "Park Side" To Community** *Renovations are currently underway on the ball field and restrooms at Thompson Park*

**LOMPOC, CA, May 4, 2018** – The City of Lompoc is pleased to announce that the “park side” of Thompson Park is open to the public following extensive renovations.

Renovations on the portion of the park that's not occupied by the ball field included creating Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) – compliant accessible pathways to all park amenities, resurfacing the children's play area, covering the Dwayne C. Fuggs BBQ Picnic Area with a shade structure, installing a new Thompson Park monument sign, planting trees, and putting a split-rail fence around the perimeter of the park.

All of these upgrades were made possible through Housing-Related Parks Program (HRPP) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding awarded to the City of Lompoc. An estimated \$179,000 in grant funding was spent on the park side of Thompson Park, with an anticipated \$572,000 in grant funding expected to be spent renovating the ball field and park restrooms. Work began on the renovation project in November 2017. Work is now underway on the ball field side, and the park renovations are expected to be complete in July.

Interim City Manager Teresa Gallavan said the improvements being made at Thompson Park were much-needed, and are resulting in a safe, inviting space for the community.

“It's exciting to see the transformation at Thompson Park, and I'm thrilled our community is now able to enjoy the covered picnic area, improved play area and walking paths,” Gallavan said. “We look forward to opening the new ball park this summer.”

Once renovations are complete on the entirety of Thompson Park, a formal ribbon-cutting event will be announced to honor the volunteers and organizations which made the improvement project possible.

Work that remains to be completed at the ball field includes: installing a new press box, bleachers with shade structures, and dugout seating, and replacing the existing restrooms.

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### **City of Lompoc**

The City of Lompoc was founded as a town in 1874 and incorporated as a city on Aug. 13, 1888. Prior to the City's establishment, the building of La Purisima Mission in 1787 marked the earliest European settlement in the Lompoc Valley. Growth in the Lompoc Valley was sparked by the 1901 completion of the coastal railroad between San Francisco and Los Angeles, which included the extension of a spur into Lompoc. The Lompoc Valley is home to Vandenberg Air Force Base, the first missile base of the United States Air Force. Today, the City of Lompoc is a travel destination known for its downtown mural program, local wines and acclaimed cuisine, historic landmarks, parks and nearby beaches. For more information, visit:

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