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City of Lancaster Welcomes New Marriott TownePlace Suites Hotel Posted Date: 6/5/2014 1:00 PM

Today, the City of Lancaster welcomed the brand new Marriott TownePlace Suites to Lancaster. An extended-stay property of Marriott, the four-story, 92-suite hotel is located at the southwest corner of 20th Street West and Avenue J-8. The TownePlace Suites, which is the first four-story hotel in Lancaster's history, opened its doors to travelers last month.

The addition of this new hotel also carries with it a positive impact on the local and regional economy. Along with bringing 25 new jobs to the Antelope Valley, this Marriott is the first phase of a development project that will extend along 20th Street West from Avenue J-8 to J-13. The City has been working with developer Robert Martin of Martin Properties, Inc. and Nelson Mamey, owner of Mamey Investment Corporation, for years to bring this development to life, which will include a sit-down dinner house and shopping space. The hotel is also notable because it is the first EB-5 project to be carried out in Lancaster. EB-5 is a federal program encouraging foreign investment and increasing job creation in America. Being Lancaster's first-ever EB-5 program, this new Marriott is indicative of Lancaster's rising appeal to investors worldwide.

"The opening of this Marriott property, as well as other tax generating establishments such as this, solidify Lancaster's place on the map," said Mayor R. Rex Parris. "Big things are happening in Lancaster, and this TownePlace Suites is a symbol of our City's growing importance as a traveler's destination and this new chapter in Lancaster's history."

Due to the region's thriving Aerospace and Solar Energy industries, Lancaster has become an important destination for business travelers and tourists alike. The extended-stay TownePlace Suites offers studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom suites, all with fully equipped kitchens, and separate working/living and sleeping areas. Most rooms feature the Home OfficeTM Suite, designed to provide guests with plenty of storage and flexible space to personalize the roomy suites. The Lobby features a floor-to-ceiling TowneMap® to help guests settle into the local area by featuring great places to eat, popular night spots, recreation areas, shopping and services.

The hotel also includes a variety of comforting amenities such as complimentary continental breakfast, 24-hour On Us® coffee service, a 24-hour In a Pinch® market stocked with snacks and drinks, an outdoor swimming pool, a 24-hour exercise room, complimentary wireless Internet, on-site business services including copying, faxing and printing as well as laundry facilities to meet the needs of both long and short term guests.

"It has been a pleasure working with the City of Lancaster during the process of opening this new Marriott TownePlace Suites," said Robert Martin, President of Martin Properties. "The City has gone above and beyond to help us make this hotel a reality. We look forward to further collaboration as we complete the Lancaster Spectrum development and anticipate continuing a long-lasting partnership with this city which is truly on the rise."

The Marriott TownePlace Suites will be an automatic member of "Destination Lancaster", a City-developed program focused on enhancing Lancaster's tourist appeal by uniting residents and visitors through the city's local businesses, special events, music, arts and entertainment hot spots.

"The City has made us feel very welcome here in Lancaster," said TownePlace Suites General Manager Randy Rasmussen. "They have been very involved every step of the way and being a part of Destination Lancaster will enable us to integrate our brand and our guests with this unique community."

For more information regarding the Lancaster Marriott TownePlace Suites, please call the hotel at 661-723-6709 or visit http://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-information/travel/wjfts-towneplace-suites-lancaster/.