



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council

Item No. _____

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Proclamation Declaring Tuesday, April 28, 2026, as Arbor Day in the City of Commerce

MEETING DATE: April 28, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

With the consent of the City Council, the Mayor will proclaim Tuesday, April 28, 2026, as Arbor Day in the City of Commerce.

ANALYSIS:

The California Arbor Day Act, first proclaimed by the California Legislature on March 6, 1974, encourages cities and communities to observe Arbor Day by planting and caring for trees, promoting environmental awareness, and expanding urban greenery. For the City of Commerce, the act is especially important because it supports efforts to improve air quality, reduce urban heat, and enhance the overall appearance of a highly industrialized area. By prioritizing tree planting and maintenance, the City can create healthier public spaces, provide shade, and support the well-being of residents and workers, while balancing its industrial environment with sustainable practices.

This year, the City will declare Tuesday, April 28, 2026, as Arbor Day in the City of Commerce. Everyone able to do so is encouraged to observe this day by planting one or more trees and taking part in programs organized by Arbor Day sponsors.

The City held an annual Arbor Day celebration on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, and asked each local school (Rosewood STEAM Academy and Bandini Elementary School) to host a poster contest among 4th-grade students and provide the names of the 1st-, 2nd-, and 3rd-place winners from each school.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve staff recommendation

2. Disapprove of staff recommendation
3. Provide further direction to staff

FISCAL IMPACT:

This activity may be carried out without additional impact on the current operating budget.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

This item is related to a specific 2016 Strategic Goal to “Improve and Maintain Infrastructure and Beautify our Community.”

Approved by: Shahid Abbas, Director of Public Works

Reviewed by: Shahid Abbas, Director of Public Works

Prepared by: Liliana Magaña, Office Specialist II

Respectfully submitted by: Ernie Hernandez, City Manager

ATTACHMENT:

1. Proclamation