



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council

Item No. _____

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Tree City U.S.A. 2025 Award and Recognition of the Arbor Day 2026
Poster Contest Winners

MEETING DATE: APRIL 28, 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Receive and file the Tree City U.S.A. 2025 Award to the City of Commerce, Public Works Department, Streets & Tree Maintenance Division, from the National Arbor Day Foundation, presented by a representative of the Los Angeles County Fire Department's Forestry Division.
2. Presentation of awards to the winners of the Arbor Day 2026 Poster Contest from Bandini Elementary School and Rosewood Park STEAM Academy.

ANALYSIS:

The Public Works Department, Street & Tree Maintenance Division, met the requirements of the National Arbor Day Foundation and is qualified to receive the Tree City U.S.A. 2025 Award for the 40th consecutive year. Receipt of this award exemplifies the quality of service provided to the community by the Steet & Tree Maintenance Division, which is honored to be recognized.

This year, the City commemorated Arbor Day on March 25, 2026. The Street & Tree Maintenance Division, along with the Los Angeles County Forestry Division and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service, participated in the celebration by visiting 4th-grade students at Bandini Elementary School and Rosewood Park STEAM Academy to demonstrate tree planting and distribute a seedling to each student. This program will help qualify the City for the 2026 Tree City U.S.A. award.

The Division and the respective principal/representative will present awards to the poster contest winners from each school as follows:

Placement	Bandini Elementary Errik Watari, Principal	Rosewood STEAM Academy Kimberly Lazaro, Principal
1 st Place	Antonio Cecena	Santiago Sedano

2 nd Place	Gabby Rafaela	Klarissah Sanchez
3 rd Place	Daniella Bonilla	Mia Murgia

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve staff recommendation
2. Disapprove staff recommendation
3. Provide further direction to staff

FISCAL IMPACT:

This activity has no additional impact on the current operating budget.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

This item is related to a specific 2016 Strategic Goal to “develop concepts for aesthetic improvements, motifs, public art and city branding...”

Approved by: Shahid Sabbas, Director of Public Works
Reviewed by: Anthony Delgado, Street & Tree, and Parks Maintenance Lead
Prepared by: Liliana Magaña, Office Specialist II
Respectfully Submitted: Ernie Hernandez, City Manager