

**CITY OF OAKLAND
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
CITY OF OAKLAND
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TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly
FROM: Public Works Agency
DATE: April 12, 2005

RE: **RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2005, TO BE OAKLAND'S ARBOR DAY 2005 AND AUTHORIZING AN OFFICIAL TREE PLANTING CEREMONY AT DEFREMERY PARK, 1651 ADELINE STREET**

SUMMARY

The Public Works Agency recommends that the City Council proclaim Friday, April 29, 2005, as Arbor Day in Oakland and authorize an Official Tree Planting Ceremony at deFremery Park, 1651 Adeline Street. The project goal is to plant 12 trees in the park.

FISCAL IMPACTS

Approval of the attached resolution will have no immediate fiscal impact. The trees for the planting have already been purchased using funds in the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District Fund (2310), Tree Services Organization (30535), Trees Account (52116). The cost of the trees and stakes was \$690.36. Tree Services personnel will demonstrate proper tree planting techniques and assist the participants with planting the trees. The ceremony will be held during regular work hours using full-time employees. For this reason, the personnel costs of \$660.98 will have no impact on the budget.

Since the trees to be planted will be replacing many older trees that have been previously removed, no additional long term maintenance costs are anticipated.

BACKGROUND

The City of Oakland has been recognized as a Tree City USA® by the National Arbor Day Foundation for twenty-two years. This prestigious award acknowledges the City of Oakland's commitment to tree planting, maintenance and preservation and is celebrated annually with the ceremonial planting of trees. The purpose for these celebrations is to generate interest, educate individuals and initiate the public's activity in urban trees by involving community leaders, students and citizens in planting and caring for trees.

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Oakland has celebrated Arbor Day with Official Tree Planting Ceremonies in various parks over the past several years. Recent Arbor Day ceremonies were performed in Brookdale Park (2004), Chabot Space and Science Center (2003), Arroyo Viejo Park (2002), Lake Merritt Wildlife Refuge and Rotary Nature Center (2001), Verdese Carter Park (2000), and Sobrante Park (1999).

Locations are chosen that have suitable space and where tree planting fulfills a design element. *Planting locations are determined in collaboration with program coordinators, who organize the celebration activities, such as guest speakers, poetry readings, art displays, music, and other cultural activities.* Neighborhood schools are encouraged to participate in tree planting activities. This year, deFremery Park's celebration will include participation from students of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Lafayette Elementary Schools, Lowell Middle School, and the 8th grade class of Ralph Bunche Academy.

The trees that are planted will be environmentally tolerant and high quality, which will assist in creating an urban forest in the city. The celebration includes ceremonial tree plantings, guest speakers and education on the planting and care of trees. Next year, the City of Oakland will again be applying for recognition as a Tree City USA®. Proclaiming and observing Arbor Day is one of the required standards to be considered for a Tree City USA® award. This standard requires an approved resolution that officially proclaims Arbor Day in the City of Oakland.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The trees that are to be planted will be replacing older trees that have been removed from this park over the course of the last decade. Coast Live Oaks and American Elms in the park have died, fallen, split apart or become hazardous and needed to be removed. Replacement trees will not increase existing maintenance cost to the City.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Oakland, like its residents, is well aware that trees positively affect the character and environmental quality of our parks, open space, and residential, commercial, and industrial areas. Trees have dramatic effects aesthetically, ecologically, and often socially. Trees improve air quality, energy conservation, noise abatement, and the reduction of surface run-off. Involving students and citizens in the planting and care of neighborhood trees has shown to contribute significantly to the psychological health of city dwellers and to the development of pride in neighborhoods.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

The location of the ceremony, tree plantings and associated activities will be accessible to all individuals.

RECOMMENDATION AND RATIONALE

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a resolution proclaiming Friday, April 29, 2005, to be Arbor Day 2005 and authorize an Official Tree Planting Ceremony at deFremery Park. This proclamation will meet a standard requirement for the City of Oakland to apply next year for a Tree City USA® award.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The Public Works Agency requests that the City Council approve a resolution proclaiming Friday, April 29, 2005, to be Arbor Day 2005, and authorize an Official Tree Planting Ceremony at deFremery Park.

Respectfully submitted,



RAUL GODINEZ, II, P.E.

Director, Public Works Agency

Reviewed by:

Bruce Saunders, Assistant Director

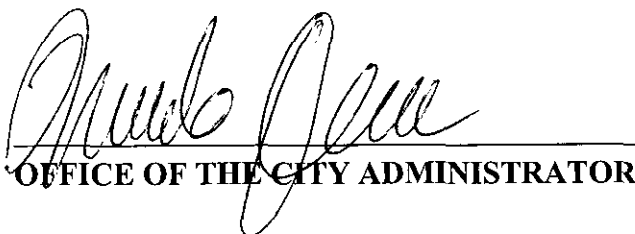
Department of Infrastructure and Operations

Prepared by:

Dan Gallagher, Tree Supervisor II

Department of Infrastructure and Operations

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:


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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____

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RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 29, 2005, TO BE THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S ARBOR DAY 2005 AND AUTHORIZING AN OFFICIAL TREE PLANTING CEREMONY AT DEFREMERY PARK.

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has long been recognized for its innovative street tree planting and maintenance programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has met the standards set by the National Arbor Day Foundation to be designated a Tree City USA® for the twenty-second year; and

WHEREAS, April 29, 2005, has been designated as the official National Arbor Day; and

WHEREAS, an official tree planting ceremony is planned for Arbor Day on April 29, 2005, in the City of Oakland; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That Friday, April 29, 2005, shall be proclaimed Arbor Day in the City of Oakland; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That an official tree planting ceremony be held on Friday, April 29, 2005, at DeFremery Park, 1651 Adeline Street.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2005

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____

LATONDA SIMMONS
Interim City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California