

# CITY OF OAKLAND

## AGENDA REPORT

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

2007 MAR 27 PM 3:00

TO: Office of the City Administrator  
ATTN: Deborah Edgerly  
FROM: Public Works Agency  
DATE: March 27, 2007

RE: **Resolution Proclaiming Friday, April 27, 2007, to be Oakland's Arbor Day 2007 and Authorizing an Official Tree Planting Ceremony at Golden Gate Recreation Center, 1075 – 62<sup>nd</sup> Street and the California College Preparatory Academy, 6200 San Pablo Avenue**

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### SUMMARY

The Public Works Agency (PWA) recommends the City Council proclaim Friday, April 27, 2007 as Arbor Day in Oakland and authorize an Official Tree Planting Ceremony at the Golden Gate Recreation Center and California College Preparatory Academy. The project goal is to plant 18 street trees in the sidewalks around the school.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of the attached resolution will have no immediate fiscal impact. The trees that will be planted and the stakes to support them 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 \$955.00. This is a restricted funding source within the Landscape and Lighting District (LLAD) fund. 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.

### BACKGROUND

The City of Oakland has been recognized as a Tree City USA® by the National Arbor Day Foundation for twenty-four 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.

Oakland has celebrated Arbor Day with Official Tree Planting Ceremonies in various parks over the past several years. Recent Arbor Day ceremonies were held in San Antonio Park (2006), deFremery Park (2005), 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).

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Planting locations are determined in collaboration with recreation program directors, who help to organize the celebration activities. Neighborhood schools are encouraged to participate in tree planting activities. This year, the celebration will include participation from students of the California College Preparatory Academy, a public charter school.

The trees that are planted will be environmentally tolerant and high quality trees that will assist in creating an urban forest in the city. The celebration includes ceremonial tree plantings, guest speakers and training 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**

There are no identified problems or concerns related to key issues and impacts.

### **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 affect air quality, energy conservation, noise abatement, and the reduction of surface water 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. The trees will benefit all of Oakland's citizens and visitors equally.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a resolution proclaiming Friday, April 27, 2007, to be Arbor Day 2007 and authorize an Official Tree Planting Ceremony at Golden Gate Recreation Center and the California College Preparatory Academy. This proclamation will meet a standard requirement for the City of Oakland to apply for next year's Tree City USA award.

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**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

The Public Works Agency requests that the City Council approve a resolution proclaiming Friday, April 27, 2007 to be Arbor Day 2007, and authorize an Official Tree Planting Ceremony at Golden Gate Recreation Center and the California College Preparatory Academy.

Respectfully submitted,

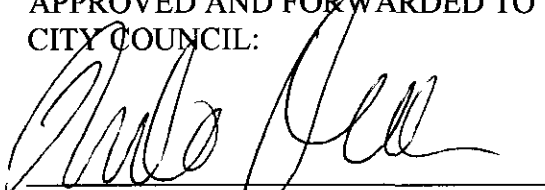


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Prepared by:  
Dan Gallagher, Tree Supervisor II  
Department of Infrastructure and Operations

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE  
CITY COUNCIL:



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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

*Patrick Tang*  
City Attorney

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

2007 MAR 15 PM 3:25

Introduced by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 27, 2007 TO BE THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S ARBOR DAY 2007 AND AUTHORIZING AN OFFICIAL TREE PLANTING CEREMONY AT GOLDEN GATE RECREATION CENTER, 1075 - 62<sup>ND</sup> STREET AND THE CALIFORNIA COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY, 6200 SAN PABLO AVENUE**

**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 fourth year; and

**WHEREAS**, April 27, 2007 has been designated as the official National Arbor Day; and

**WHEREAS**, an official tree planting ceremony is planned for Arbor Day on April 27, 2007, in the City of Oakland; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That Friday, April 27, 2007, 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 27, 2007, at the Golden Gate Recreation Center, 1075 - 62<sup>nd</sup> Street, and the California College Preparatory Academy, 6200 San Pablo Avenue.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

LaTonda Simmons  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California