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# AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** Sabrina B. Landreth  
City Administrator

**FROM:** Jason Mitchell  
Director, Oakland Public Works

**SUBJECT:** 2019 Arbor Day Resolution

**DATE:** October 28, 2019

City Administrator Approval

Date:

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*11/4/19*

## RECOMMENDATION

**Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Proclaiming Thursday, November 21, 2019, As Arbor Day In The City Of Oakland And Authorizing An Official Tree Planting Ceremony at DeFremery Park.**

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Oakland has been recognized as a Tree City USA® by the National Arbor Day Foundation for thirty-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 of these celebrations is to generate interest, educate individuals, and initiate the public's activity in urban trees by involving community leaders, students, and residents in planting and caring for trees.

The trees that are planted will be environmentally appropriate, high-quality trees that will add to our urban forest and provide environmental benefits for years to come. The celebration includes ceremonial tree plantings.

## BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Each year, the City of Oakland applies for Tree City USA® recognition. A City Council resolution proclaiming and observing Arbor Day is one of the required standards to be considered for a Tree City USA® award and will be used for the City of Oakland to apply for next year's Tree City USA® Award.

Oakland has celebrated Arbor Day with Official Tree Planting Ceremonies at various schools and parks throughout Oakland over the years. Arbor Day was last celebrated in DeFremery Park with a tree planting event in 2005. More recent Arbor Days have taken place at Bridges Academy, Garfield School, Parker Elementary, and Children's Fairyland.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The trees that will be planted and the stakes to support them will be purchased with funds in Fund 2310 Organization 30654 Account 52116, Tree Services. The cost of the trees and stakes is \$1,000.00.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST**

This Arbor Day will also kick off the beginning of the City's 2019-2020 tree planting season. Tree Services will engage with the community to plant trees from November through May in partial fulfillment of Oakland's California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention (CAL FIRE Grant) for a 50-Year Urban Forest Master Plan, Tree Inventory, and Planting of 700 Trees.

### **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

***Economic:*** Planting trees in parks and streets improves the quality of life for Oaklanders and visitors. Studies show that exposure to trees and nature improve human health, which can reduce health care costs. As trees grow, they capture and store more and more carbon, making them one of the few elements of city infrastructure that increase in value as they age.

***Environmental:*** Street trees provide a variety of environmental benefits such as oxygen production, carbon sequestration, visual screening and noise abatement. Trees help to improve air quality by collecting dust and particulate matter on leaf surfaces.

***Race & Equity:*** Per the requirements of the CAL FIRE Grant, all trees must be planted in census tracts the State has designated as "disadvantaged" or "low income" according to the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment. The Arbor Day 2019 tree planting and subsequent tree plantings performed in fulfillment of this grant will directly benefit neighborhoods with that in the greatest need for the many benefits trees provide.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF COUNCIL**

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Proclaiming Thursday, November 21, 2019, As Arbor Day, And Authorizing An Official Tree Planting Ceremony at DeFremery Park.

For questions regarding this report, please contact DAVID MOORE, TREE SUPERVISOR II, at 510-615-5852.

Respectfully submitted,

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JASON MITCHELL  
Director, Oakland Public Works

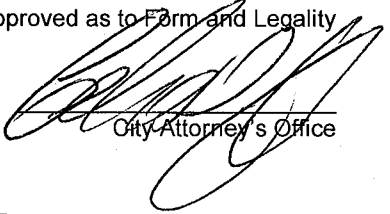
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Prepared by:  
David Moore, Tree Supervisor II  
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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER [IF APPLICABLE]

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### RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019, TO BE THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S ARBOR DAY 2019 AND AUTHORIZING AN OFFICIAL TREE PLANTING CEREMONY AT DEFREMERY PARK

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland has long been recognized for its urban forest and parks; 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 thirty-second year; and

**WHEREAS**, an official tree planting ceremony is planned for Arbor Day on November 21, 2019, at DeFremery Park; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**: That Thursday, November 21, 2019, shall be proclaimed Arbor Day in Oakland and celebrated by planting trees at DeFremery Park.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND  
PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

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

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