




CITY of CALABASAS

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: MARCH 13, 2017

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

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SUBJECT: SELECTION OF NEW VENUE FOR CITY'S 2017 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

MEETING

DATE: MARCH 22, 2017

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council discuss options and approve a new venue for City's 2017 Arbor Day Celebration.

BACKGROUND:

On February 8, 2017, the City Council adopted resolution No. 2017-1544 proclaiming April 29, 2017 as Arbor Day at the Calabasas High School campus.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The LVUSD staff informed the City that the Calabasas High School campus can't accommodate another Arbor Day event due to the fact that all suitable spots for tree planting were successfully utilized last year. The following locations are recommended for this year's Arbor Day Celebration:

1. The LVUSD staff offered the front of A.E. Wright Middle School as a good candidate for the City's 2017 Arbor Day Celebration. After the completion of the road construction, the school campus can accommodate trees
2. The Environmental Commission's Arbor Day Subcommittee explored other options and after visiting the Headwaters Corner and a discussion with the Executive Director, the Mountain Restoration Trust (MRT) recommended to hold the event at this location. Headwaters Corner sustained considerable damage in the Topanga fire in June 2016. As a result, a considerable amount of milkweed, which is crucial to monarch butterfly's lifecycle was lost.
3. For nearly 10 years, with the exception of last year, the Arbor Day celebration was held at the Gates Canyon Park. This venue is still available for future tree planting.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The budget for the 2017 Arbor Day Celebration was already approved by the City Council on February 8, 2017. There's no fiscal impact associated with this action item.

REQUESTED ACTION:

That the City Council discuss options and approve a new venue for City's 2017 Arbor Day Celebration.