

DATE: OCTOBER 28, 2024

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

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SUBJECT: AMERICA IN BLOOM AWARDS

MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2024

DATE:

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Receive presentation on the America in Bloom (AIB) 2024 awards.

BACKGROUND:

Since 2013, the City of Calabasas has participated in America in Bloom (AIB) eight times, including its 2024 effort. AIB encourages community beautification by inspiring agencies to care for their local landscapes through education and community involvement. For the 2024 competition, the City hosted AIB advisors from June 20 to June 24. City staff, City Council members, and community volunteers participated in the three-day event.

The City was assessed on seven key criteria: community vitality, floral impact, landscaped areas, urban forestry, environmental initiatives, heritage celebration, and overall impression. Calabasas earned the Overall Impression award for cities with populations between 22,000 and 29,000 and won recognition for having the Best Volunteer Recognition Program.

Additionally, Calabasas resident Carol Davis was honored as a nominee for the 2024 Dwight Lund Community Champion Award. The Dwight Lund Community Champion Award is an annual award presented by AIB to recognize individuals who

make exceptional contributions to enhancing and beautifying their communities. Named in honor of Dwight Lund, a founding board member of AIB, the award celebrates people who demonstrate a strong commitment to community improvement, environmental sustainability, and civic pride. Nominees are involved in volunteer initiatives, local beautification projects, and community engagement efforts that positively impact the quality of life in their cities.

The awards will be presented and recognition will be given at the upcoming Council meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Receive presentation on the AIB 2024 awards.