

PUBLIC FACILITIES, RECREATION, AND
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MARCH 12, 2025

SUBJECT: ANNUAL TREE PLANTING EVENT

INITIATED BY: FACILITIES AND FIELD SERVICES DIVISION

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STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT:

The Commission will review the proposed program for the 2025 annual tree planting event.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the program for the 2025 annual tree planting event.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The Commission traditionally holds a tree planting event each year in March or April in celebration of West Hollywood's trees. For 2025, the staff proposes the below event program.

2025 Annual Tree Planting Event: Proposed Program

The City of West Hollywood will host its 2025 Annual Tree Planting event on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., at the Plummer Park Tennis Courts located at 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard. The City will replace a tree at this location lost recently during the extreme windstorms experienced in January. The tree species selected for this year's celebration is the weeping bottlebrush (*Callistemon viminalis*). Widely planted throughout Southern California, this tree species is native to Australia. The weeping bottlebrush is a rounded, evergreen tree with a maximum height of 20' feet. It has a low

water use rating and features vibrant red, bottlebrush-like flowers that attract hummingbirds and other pollinators. The weeping bottlebrush tree thrives in sunny locations. West Hollywood community members are invited and encouraged to participate in this year's annual tree planting event. Supervision, instruction, and tools and gloves will be provided. The event will start with a short "how-to" planting session, followed by a discussion on the benefits trees provide to our urban environment. Community members are encouraged to join!