



STAFF REPORT
3/25/2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Andrew Simmons, Director of Public Works/City Engineer

SUBJECT: Provide Direction to Staff for the Celebration of the Coachella Valley High School Girls Soccer Team in Honor of Their Historic Season.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is requesting direction from the City Council for the planning of a celebration to honor the Coachella Valley High School Lady Arabs Soccer team following their record season.

BACKGROUND:

The Coachella Valley High School Girls Soccer Team, the Lady Arabs, completed the 2025/2026 season by winning 17 regular season games and advancing to the CIF championships. Through dedication, discipline, and teamwork, the Lady Arabs earned the title of CIF Division 5 Champions, achieving a historic milestone for their school and bringing pride and recognition to the City of Coachella. The team's CIF Division 5 Championship victory represents a first for the Coachella Valley, elevating their school and community with pride and distinction.

In order to recognize this dedicated group of 22 student athletes, their coaches, their families and the community pride inspired by their achievements, City staff seeks direction from City Council on the planning of an event in their honor.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Staff has evaluated several opportunities for a celebration and seek City Council direction for a proposed event. The following options have been considered as the most feasible opportunities:

1. A Community Centered Open House.

This event could take place at either the Coachella Library or the Bagdouma Community Center. The City could provide snacks and beverages and establish a program for speakers.

Staff is of the opinion this is the least costly and require least amount of city

resources. The City would invite the parents and players to attend, thus not make it a school sanctioned event. The community would be invited to stop by to meet and greet the players. **STAFF RECOMMENDS THIS OPTION**

2. A BBQ at a Community Park.

This event would take place a City park, such as Veteran's Park or Bagdouma Park. This event would provide the most space for the community. The City could provide a catered BBQ vendor or other food vendor and could establish a program that incorporates park amenities.

Alternatively, sponsorships could be sought out to offset the cost for such an event. However, this would require additional time and planning, of which we currently do not have. **STAFF DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS OPTION**

3. A Block Party in our Downtown Pueblo Viejo District

This event could involve closing 6th Street between Orchard and Vine street and hosting a program on the Cities portable stage. The event could be set up in a similar manner to the annual Hometown Heroes Event. The City could provide food, beverages and entertainment.

This option would require additional City resources and a budget appropriation, again, of which, the City has limited capacity. **STAFF DOES NOT RECOMMEND THIS OPTION**

4. Other.

City Staff is open to other suggestions and celebration elements as recommended by the City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT: The final fiscal impact will be evaluated based on the recommendations provided to Staff from by City Council.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.