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## AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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**TO:** Fruita City Council and Mayor

**FROM:** Ciara Amann, Communications and Engagement Manager

**DATE:** May 6, 2025

**AGENDA TEXT:** PRESENTATION – Recognition of Fruita Academy Graduates – *Communications and Engagement Manager Ciara Amann*

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### BACKGROUND

Over the past five weeks, 27 community members participated in the third annual Fruita Academy. The program gave participants the opportunity to learn more about their local government. Each week, during three-hour sessions, participants learned about different departments within the City of Fruita and heard from local partners. Topics included Police, Parks and Recreation, City Council, Administration, Planning and Development, Engineering, Public Works, Lower Valley Fire District, Fruita Area Chamber of Commerce, and Ute Water.

The group also went through a behind-the-scenes tour of the Fruita Community Center, the Lower Valley Fire Station, the Wastewater Reclamation Facility, and the Civic Center. The City of Fruita values and appreciates these community members for taking the time to learn about local government and develop a deeper understanding of how the City of Fruita operates. For their commitment, the Fruita City Council and staff will recognize the graduating class of the Fruita Academy at the Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

Implementing an in-person class setting program has been a goal for the City of Fruita for many years. Not only does it give community members the opportunity to learn about their local government, but it also allows for transparency and helps to achieve the City's communications goals which are to strengthen the relationship between the City of Fruita and the community by creating effective strategies to keep internal and external stakeholders informed and involved in City projects and services.