



## ITEM SUMMARY

**MEETING DATE:** December 1, 2025

**FROM:** Austin Lee, Director, Communications & Governmental Affairs

**SUBJECT:** 2025 City Photo Contest Winners

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### BACKGROUND

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The City's annual Photo Contest, which began in 2018, continues to showcase the beauty and spirit of our community, growing in popularity each year. We are excited to share that this year we received 83 submissions, with 35 meeting all judging requirements, nearly doubling last year's total!

The contest features categories highlighting different aspects of our city: Nature & Wildlife, Special Events & Programs, and Parks & Landmarks. A top photo has been selected in each category as this year's winner.

We extend our sincere thanks to this year's selection committee, representing 10 City departments, for their time and expertise in evaluating these incredible submissions.

City Clerk - Alisa Velez

Fire Rescue - Wayne Kenimer

Public Works - Stephen Harnois

Youth Programs - Ezekiel Sotelo

Community & Recreation Services - Tiana Garcia

Development & Neighborhood Services - Durrani Guy

Information Technology - Jose Saldana

Purchasing - Randi Whitcomb

Finance - Tara Tuozzo

Human Resources - Robin Kandel

Blanca Mackrey – Program Sponsor (Blanca Lopez Mackrey Insurance Agency, Inc.)

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I would like to thank and acknowledge Loris Baez, Multimedia Communications Specialist from the Communications Dept. for her dedication and expertise in coordinating this annual program.

A very special thank you also goes to Blanca Lopez Mackrey, owner of the State Farm office on Lake Worth Road, who has generously sponsored the gift cards awarded tonight for five years in a row and served as a guest judge. Your continued support and involvement in our community programs are truly appreciated!

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Tonight, we recognize the 3 Category Winners:

**Nature and Wildlife** – Andrew West (City Hall Butterfly Garden)

**Parks and Landmarks** – Jenny Apple-Santoro (Samuel J Ferreri - Community Park)

**Special Events and Programs** – Charlene Rothe (Negan in a Firetruck)

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