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PRESS RELEASE

NEW TREES COMING TO DOWNEY **More than 3,000 trees will be planted throughout the City**

Downey, CA, May 21, 2019:

Tree People, an environmental nonprofit organization, will be planting more than 3,000 trees along the City's streets and parks. The work is part of a larger program in which Tree People will plant 11,000 trees in the cities of Downey, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, Commerce and La Mirada over the next five years. This project is funded by the California Department of Transportation and administered by the I-5 Joint Powers Authority (I-5 JPA), which represents each of these cities.

The trees are being planted in the City's right-of-way and not on private property. These trees will be planted and cared for by Tree People for the first 24 months. The first phase of this project began in April 2019 and will end at the end of May 2019. Phase II will begin in September 2019 and end in May 2020.

Trees are vital to the environment and provide many lasting benefits such as cleaner and cooler air, reduced stormwater pollution, lower energy bills and increased property values.

Residents will be notified by Tree People before tree plantings occur in their area. Questions regarding tree plantings should be directed to Juan Solomon, Project Manager with Tree People at 323-649-0736 or jsolomon@treepeople.org.

To volunteer at upcoming tree plantings and tree care events, please contact www.treepeople.org or sela@treepeople.org.

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