



## **STAFF REPORT TO COMMUNITY AND LIBRARY SERVICES COMMISSION (CLSC)**

**TO:** Chair Yamamoto and Members of the CLSC Commission

**SUBMITTED BY:** Christopher Roke, Parks and Recreation Director

**MEETING DATE:** December 8, 2025

**TOPIC:** Tree Lighting/125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary recap

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Community and Library Services Commission receive an update on the annual Tree Lighting event, featuring the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Parks and Recreation Department held the annual Tree Lighting event at City Hall on Sunday, December 7. This year's event featured the City Recognized Nonprofit Groups, entertainment, a photo opportunity with Santa, and of course the lighting of the tree. A new highlight of the event featured a giant lighted present/frame, for families to take selfies in front of the decorated tree at City Hall. But the big difference this year, was a celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Hercules.

For the past 3 months, a planning committee met several times to prepare for this year's event. To honor the city's first 125 years, a time capsule was created for the city's future leaders to open in 25 years at the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Hercules. The theme for the time capsule is "the past, present and future".

A big thanks to the Historical Society for providing an old dynamite box to be used as the time capsule. The contents inside the box are still being gathered but will include some artifacts from the past, a book about Hercules, past and current patches and badges from PD, a letter from the current City Council, pamphlets and photos from several city recognized nonprofit groups, and swag developed for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The time capsule will be displayed in the lobby in one of the glass cases for the next 25 years, with instruction to open the box in the year 2050.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Hercules City Council allocated money for the Tree Lighting this year to help celebrate the historic event of 125 years of incorporation. Featuring the new light up photo frame as well as limited edition give aways for those in attendance – while supplies last.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

None