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Presentation: 2020 Citizen's Leadership Academy Graduation Recognition

The first Citizens Leadership Academy was held in 2011, in response to a suggestion from LS 360. This year marks the 9th academy. Participants in the 2020 Academy will be presented to the Mayor and Council.

The 2020 Citizens Leadership Academy has been completed. We began with 25 participants enrolled in the Academy and 18 were able to attend a majority of the "in person" sessions. After the COVID-19 pandemic began we were no longer able to hold those sessions. We then changed to Zoom meetings on Thursday evenings. The final session, held on Thursday, June 4th, included a mock city council meeting for the Pseudo City and discussed things such as; a medical marijuana dispensary special use permit, a preliminary development plan for a mega box store, a feral cat ordinance and much more. Participants held the positions of Councilmembers and Management Staff. Some even played the role of "concerned citizen".

City Staff stepped up again this year and enthusiastically participated in this program.

The graduating participants (listed below) will be provided with a certificate of participation:

Mary Aldridge
Elizabeth Andrews
Braden Beamer
Mahlon Cathey
George Constable
Rochelle Donald
Manuel Escriche
Brandon Henderson
Terrell Jolly
Stephanie Leary
Cofia Miller

Mootz Moody
David Ramsey
Melissa Reeves
Seth Rogers
Olatunbosun Shobowale
Erica Wilson
Lindsey Zendejas

Trisha Fowler Arcuri, City Clerk