

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
May 5, 2026	3.b

TO: Mayor Benetti, Council President DiNovo and City Councilors

FROM: Christina Teixeira, Grant Coordinator

THROUGH: Nichole Rutherford, City Manager

ISSUE: Presentation of *If I Were Mayor* Student Contest Results and Recognition

SUMMARY:

Staff will provide a presentation regarding the City of Coos Bay's participation in the 2025–2026 *If I Were Mayor* student contest and recognize participating students.

ACTION REQUESTED:

No action required; informational presentation only.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) hosts the annual *If I Were Mayor* student contest to promote civic engagement and awareness of local government among youth. The City of Coos Bay participated in the 2025–2026 contest and received four submissions in the middle school essay category.

Submissions were evaluated using a standardized scoring rubric assessing creativity, clarity, civic understanding, community impact, and presentation quality. All students demonstrated thoughtful ideas and a strong interest in their community.

Four students are recognized for their participation:

- 1st Place
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place
- Honorable Mention

Final selection of the local winner is being coordinated for submission to the statewide competition.

The City also received a \$500 donation from NW Natural to support student prizes and recognition.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

None.

ATTACHMENT(S):