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Lynwood Tree Summit Summary

On December 10th, 2020 and December 12th, 2020, TreePeople in collaboration with Gateway Cities Council of Governments and Loyola Marymount Center of Urban Resilience hosted the Virtual Lynwood Tree Summit. Between both tree summits, over 30 participants of Lynwood’s stakeholders attended including elected officials, non-profit and/or community organization representatives, city department employees, government agency representatives, residents and students. Both tree summits began with an ice breaker which asked participants to think about an important tree in their life. Unexpectedly, nearly half of the participants shared anecdotes of important trees in their lives.

During the first portion of the event, audience members were given an overview of the Urban Tree Canopy Community Prioritization Project with data and statistics of Lynwood. Additionally, general tree canopy benefits and resources were shared as well. The second part of the tree summit consisted of various interactive tree canopy exercises such as a virtual tree planting exercises, a word cloud exercise and the dissemination of the Lynwood Tree Canopy Survey. **Figure 1.** displays the virtual tree planting exercise from day one and day two of the tree summits. The virtual tree planting exercise consisted of giving audience members a link to access the Lynwood area through google maps and allowing them to pin trees where they would like to see them around the city. This simulation permitted project staff the opportunity to gain input from the community to consider in the implementation process.



Figure 1: Virtual Tree Planting Exercise Day 1 and Day 2 of Lynwood Tree Summit

