



CITY OF HAYWARD

Hayward Youth Commission Official Minutes

11/10/25, 6:30 PM

MEETING

A regular meeting of the Hayward Youth Commission was called to order at 6:36pm by Temiloluwa Ogunkanmi, Chair of the HYC

CALL TO ORDER Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Barrera led the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:36pm.

6:35 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Florencio B., Elisabet B., Josue B., Arianna C., Alex C., Peter G., Zoe K., Remy M., Temiloluwa O., Julia P., Leilani S., Nishant S., Ananya S., Michelle V., Jeremiah W., Erik A., Cesar C., Lydia D., Amelia H., Rachel M., Ezekiel N., Teresa R., Shyla R., Ivan R.

ABSENT: Mateo B., Eliam G., Jacob J., Israel M., Shreya R., Isla S., Ameera B., Alaia S.

6:36 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Melissa Milleman, a commissioner from the Clean and Green Commission, wanted to let the HYC know that their commission has their cleanup schedule laid out for all of 2026. If anyone wants to join their meetings to see what happens, feel free to do so. For those in Mount Eden, there are a lot of people working on a strip that is currently being done by one of the community members of the clean and green commission. They were mulching and getting the strip of land ready for planting. They will need around 100 volunteers for this project, so if anyone is interested in volunteering, please feel free to reach out and let her know! You will be getting volunteer hours from this event.

6:37 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Barrera made the motion to approve the minutes from 10/6/2025, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Fernan: Approve: 24, Disapprove: 0, Abstain: 0.

6:50 GUEST SPEAKERS

Ray Bonilla, currently part of the Hayward City Council, was previously a HYC commissioner. He wanted to share what inspired him to become a commissioner. In his youth, he lived in a garage in his youth and he saw that communities pull together in times of need. Community service was the only resource that he and his family could utilize when he was younger. Thus, fighting for and ensuring the rights of people's access to resources such as these was a passion for him when he was younger. Nobody from his high school had been on the Hayward Youth Commission for the past five years. Filling out the application for the HYC was very difficult for him since he didn't have much access to many resources (his parent's first language was Spanish). Thus, he reached out to the resources he knew he had. He went to the library and the librarian helped him, and he was eventually accepted! At first, the HYC didn't have much order, and thus he is the reason as to why the HYC has leadership roles today. He was the



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chair of the HYC for four years. Solving problems requires us respecting each other and figuring out the process that benefits the most people, and the HYC provided him the opportunity to train those skills. As he grew older, he reached the age limit to which he could be on the HYC, however he still wanted to help. He ended up applying to the Community Service commission. This commission utilizes a couple million dollars towards problems that the city faces. Then, he decided to apply for the Planning commission. Even though he knew nothing about planning, he wanted to answer questions such as “how can we make sure that utilities are built in a place that benefits the most people.” He was on the Planning commission for 7 years. Then, he had the opportunity to join the Hayward city council. He wondered how he could make sure that he fought for all of the people while on city council: housing, homelessness (how can we quickly be able to get people out of that situation), if it wasn’t for the garage that his grandparents have, enriched community services (how do we make sure community services are there when we need them the most), how can we make sure that we are addressing the most pressing issues in our community? The third thing that he said he wanted to address was public safety (how well our streets are lit, how well are we to respond to disasters) In all of his roles that he’s been in, the thing that enabled him to be successful was his ability to collaborate. One doesn’t necessarily have to be the smartest. But we will all make it if we’re moving the city together. Those abilities to move things forward and collaborate (which he trained on Youth Commission) are what enabled him to be so successful till today. As a tip, he wants the HYC to be the fire that leads us to do good later on in his life. Even though he is occupied with being on the city council, he has a full time job on the side as well. If you would ever like to contact for advice or support don’t be afraid to reach out

7:10 AGENCY AND TASK FORCE UPDATES

City of Hayward: Mayor Salinas reciprocated Council Member Bonilla’s message. For those who don’t live in Hayward, there is a program called the concurring enrollment, meaning that you can go to any high school and take chabot college level classes. These are UC and CSU transferable classes. Then he spoke about what's been happening in Washington. Families and kids are being caught in the middle of politics. Today, the tactics and strategies are a lot more aggressive as in federal military and federal agencies like ICE and Border Patrol being directed to come into cities like Hayward to perform aggressive immigration tactics. In the city of Fremont, ICE and Border Patrol were going into a neighborhood doing door knocking checks. People and families who did not know their rights opened their doors. In this fear, he hopes that the commission he wants to remind us that we are a sanctuary city, which means two things: 1. The city invests in educating families on what their rights are 2. It clarifies the role of the Hayward Police Department, to protect us, our families, and our neighborhood regardless of citizenship status. Thus, when someone calls 911, the city does not ask about immigration status. We do not work with or help immigration agents. The harsh reality of this is that he cannot as a mayor prohibit federal agents from coming into this city.

Approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ of the commission received a bike from the Hayward rides event. The program’s goal is to hand out 2000 bikes. The mission is to create a generation of youth in Haywrd that will choose a more environmentally-friendly mode of transportation. As you may have noticed, there are more bike lanes being painted now. The idea is for pedestrians, bikes, and cars to coexist, with pedestrians and bikes being the priority. Over the years, there have been too many deaths related to



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pedestrian and car accidents. One tragic accident was with Lydia Guerra, a teacher who sadly passed away on Calaroga Avenue.

HARD: Recreation Supervisor Noel shared details about multiple HARD service events. Reach out to him or check the slideshow (from Larry) for the details. Director Hatcher wanted to reciprocate what Council Member Bonilla spoke about, especially the lesson about having connections. Especially when Ray has just shared his email now, we should take advantage of that opportunities like those/

Library: The trunk or treat event was a great success! The decorations on the car looked spooky and beautiful, as shared by Temi and Alex.

HUSD: Advisor Ewings spoke about the bridge to college program where high school students can earn college credit in high school. (YEP) Right now, they are enrolling for the spring. These college credits are transferable into college. If you scan a qr code, you can put your name on a interest list.

7:20 PLANNING PROJECTS

City of Hayward: This group will focus on substance abuse and sexual harassment. They will work with multiple commissions and groups around Hayward for help. Their goals are to provide youth with a toolkit to address issues related to these areas through an online class. If they complete the class, they will be incentivized the complete the course with a gift card

HUSD: This year, this group will continue supporting student attendance. THEY thought that students aren't motivated to come to school due to a low self esteem. They will try to fix this by adding fun activities and school and tools to support student's grades, such as a mentoring program.

HARD: This group hopes to host more events this year. They will host the night market again they will be advertising these events in the social media more, passing out flyers around school

7:55 ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA DETAILS

No new updates.

7:46 COOKIE DETAILS

Commissioners Leilani, Michelle and HARD Board Secretary Rick Hatcher have volunteered for the 12/08/25 HYC Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Temiloluwa Ogunkanmi adjourned the HYC at 8:02pm.



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APPROVED:

Larry Ewings, Hayward Youth Commission Advisor
Hayward Unified School District

ATTEST:

Ivan Padilla, Hayward Youth Commission Advisor
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