



**DATE:** June 24, 2025

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Hayward Youth Commission: Adopt a Resolution Confirming the Appointment and Reappointment of Hayward Youth Commission Members

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the City Council adopts a resolution (Attachment II) confirming the appointment to the Hayward Youth Commission of six (6) voting members and eleven (11) alternate members, and the reappointment of seven (7) continuing members.

### **SUMMARY**

The City conducted its annual recruitment for the Hayward Youth Commission (HYC) between March 3, 2025, and May 9, 2025, and a panel of representatives from the three local agencies (City of Hayward, Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD), and Hayward Unified School District (HUSD)) reviewed sixty-one (61) applications and interviewed forty-eight (48) eligible applicants on May 30, 2025. The panel selected a total of seventeen (17) regular voting and alternate members. The same panel confirmed the reappointment of seven (7) current members.

### **BACKGROUND**

On May 30, 2025, an interview panel comprised of representatives from the three local public agencies (City of Hayward, HARD, and HUSD) interviewed forty-eight candidates to fill vacancies on the HYC. The agency representatives were: Council Member Ray Bonilla Jr. and Council Member George Syrop from the City of Hayward; Board Secretary Rick Hatcher and Board Director Peter Rosen from HARD; and Board Trustee Ken Rawdon from HUSD.

**TABLE I: Selected Voting and Alternate Members**

<b>VOTING MEMBER</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>SUCCEEDS</b>	<b>TERM EXPIRES</b>
Florencio Babasa (*)	Mt. Eden High School	Leila A Aviado	6/30/2027
Arianna Cervantez (*)	Castro Valley High School	Crystal Guerrero Lopez	6/30/2027
Eliam K Ghirmay (*)	Moreau Catholic High School	Jeffrey A Haman	6/30/2027
Peter Gikanga (*)	Mt. Eden High School	Ruby Kumar	6/30/2027
Remy Martin (*)	Bret Harte Middle School	Jesus A Reynoso	6/30/2027
Isla Salgado (*)	Hayward High School	Alicia C Saenz	6/30/2027
<b>ALTERNATE MEMBER</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>		<b>TERM EXPIRES</b>
Ameera Banuelos	Hayward High School		6/30/2026
Cesar A Cordoba	Impact Academy of Arts & Technology		6/30/2026
Erik De Alba	Tennyson High School		6/30/2026
Lydia L Dedrick	KEY Academy Charter School		6/30/2026
Amelie Leon Hernandez	Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School		6/30/2026
Rachel Mendez Fuentes	Bret Harte Middle School		6/30/2026
Ezekiel Nii Mensah	Bret Harte Middle School		6/30/2026
Ivan Ruiz Muñoz	Winton Middle School		6/30/2026
Teresa Ramirez	Bret Harte Middle School		6/30/2026
Shyla V Reddy	St. Bede Catholic School		6/30/2026
Alaia S Smith	Hayward High School		6/30/2026

(\*) Former alternate members promoted to voting members.

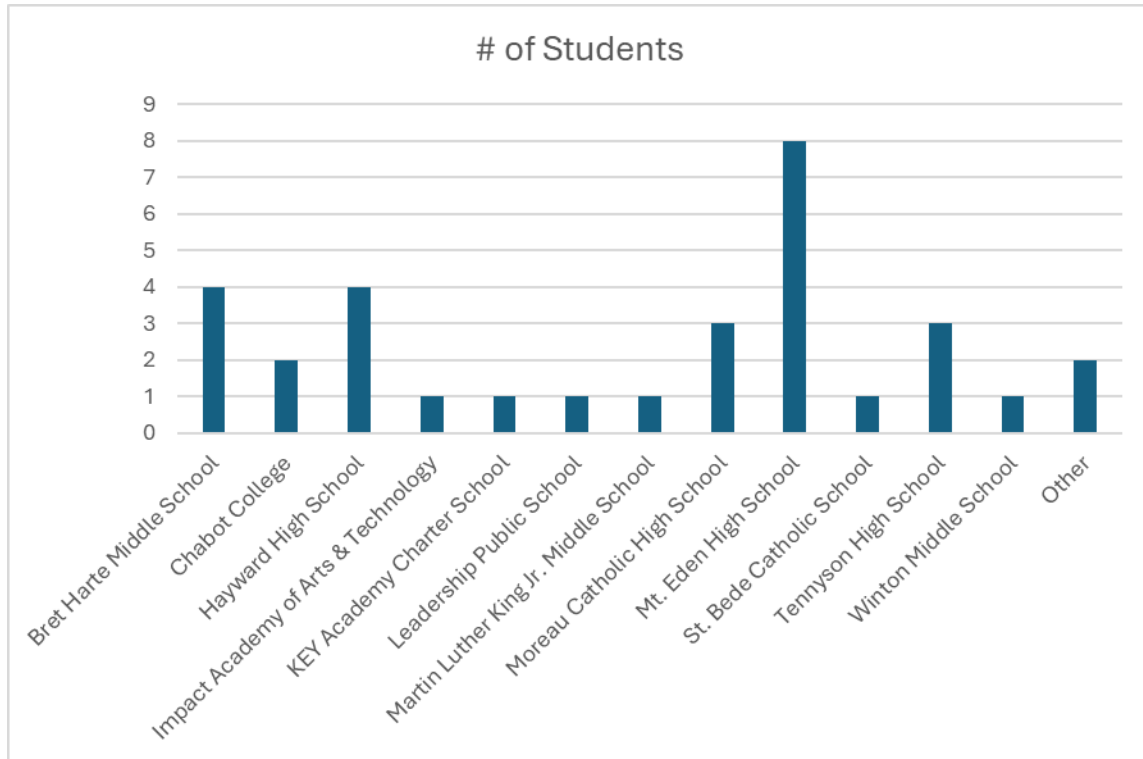
**TABLE II: Current Members**

<b>VOTING MEMBER</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TERM EXPIRES</b>
Mateo E Barajas (*)	Mt. Eden High School	6/30/2027
Elizabeth N Barrera	Mt. Eden High School	6/30/2026
Josue S Barrera (*)	Mt. Eden High School	6/30/2027
Alex N Cervantes Fernandez (*)	Hayward High School	6/30/2027
Jacob Jones	Moreau Catholic High School	6/30/2026
Zoe N Kyama (*)	Mt. Eden High School	6/30/2027
Israel J Mendez	Chabot College	6/30/2026
Temiloluwa O Ogunkanmi (*)	Leadership Public School	6/30/2027
Julia Patel	Tennyson High School	6/30/2026
Shreya K Rathaur	Chabot College	6/30/2026
Leilani A Sandoval	Tennyson High School	6/30/2026
Nishant Singh	Mt. Eden High School	6/30/2026
Ananya Suresh	Moreau Catholic High School	6/30/2026
Michelle Villalobos (*)	Mt. Eden High School	6/30/2027
Jeremiah S Wong (*)	The Athenian School	6/30/2027

(\*) Members who sought reappointment this year.

The current 2025 membership consists of thirty-two (32) representatives from Hayward schools as depicted in the chart below. As vacancies occur throughout the year, appointments will be made from the alternate list.

**CHART I: 2025 HAYWARD YOUTH COMMISSION**



### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

### **STRATEGIC ROADMAP**

This agenda item is a routine operational item and does not relate to any of the projects outlined in the Council's Strategic Roadmap.

## PUBLIC CONTACT

Information about the annual recruitment was disseminated through various channels.

**TABLE III: Summary of Outreach Efforts**

2025 Outreach Efforts	Date (s)	Attendance/Reach
City Newsletter - The Stack	4/8/25	49,382 recipients
City Newsletter – The Stack Extra	3/3/25	50,418 recipients
Cinco de Mayo	5/3/25	~ 7,000
Puente Grape Juice & Cheese Networking Event	3/21/25	High School attendees
Annual Earth Day Citywide Clean-Up Event	4/26/25	104 attendees
HUSD Student and Parent Support Program	4/12/25	Presentation to youth professionals
HUSD Youth Enrichment Program (YEP)		HUSD middle and high schools via email/in person
Earth Day Poster & Writing Contest Distribution	3/21/25	18,923 emails
Information disseminated to schools. Visited Hayward middle and high Schools	3/3/25 4/29/25; 5/2/25	Principals, teachers, and counselors; and visited schools.
Social Media: Facebook	3/8/25-5/8/25	4,762 impressions
Social Media: Twitter	3/8/25-5/8/25	10,718 impressions
Social Media: YouTube	4/2/25	337 views
Social Media: LinkedIn	3/8/25-5/8/25	3,661 impressions
HUSD PeachJar	3/12/25 & 4/8/25	8,893 deliveries 4,988 impressions

## NEXT STEPS

Following Council's action, oaths of affirmation will be administered to newly appointed members.

*Prepared and Recommended by:* Miriam Lens, City Clerk

*Approved by:*



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