

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 22-____

Introduced by Council Member _____

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY'S SUPPORT FOR THE LIBRARY
BILL OF RIGHTS, THE FREEDOM TO READ STATEMENT, AND THE FREEDOM
TO VIEW STATEMENT

WHEREAS, The freedom to read, along with the freedom to speak, hear, and view, is protected by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, In a free society, there is no place for censorship of any medium of expression; and

WHEREAS, Around the country, activists, school board officials, and lawmakers have been challenging books and audiovisual materials at a pace not seen in decades; and

WHEREAS, The majority of Americans still favor free enterprise in ideas and expression, and want to be trusted to exercise critical judgment, recognize propaganda and misinformation, make their own decisions about what they read, view, and believe, and exercise the responsibilities that accompany this freedom; and

WHEREAS, On February 28, 2022, Library Commission unanimously affirmed its support for the Hayward Public Library's commitment to intellectual freedom by endorsing three statements from the American Library Association: the Library Bill of Rights, The Freedom to Read Statement, and The Freedom to View Statement; and

WHEREAS, The California Library Association also supports the work of library staff, and library advocates everywhere, in affirming the freedom to read, view, inquire, explore, learn, and share ideas and perspectives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward adopts a resolution affirming the City's support for the Library Bill of Rights, the Freedom to Read Statement, and the Freedom to View Statement.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2022

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
 MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: _____
 City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward