

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT for CITY COUNCIL MEETING February 8, 2022 - 7:00pm TOPIC: RUSSELL CITY Q25 RESTITUTION - COMPENSATION FORMULA TO SUPPLEMENT PROPOSALS DATED December 12, 2021 and January 28, 2022

Greetings All:

Looking forward to seeing the Priority Q25 Russell City Restitution Status changed from 'unfunded' to 'funded' - with a significant amount allocated to implement the Q25 tasks ahead in the 2022 Strategic Roadmap Budget.

Russell City Residents and Descendants Proposals to City Council dated December 12, 2021 and January 28, 2022 was for \$3M to be earmarked in the 2022 Strategic Budget; to allow for significant progress in 2022 to initiate the Q25 Restitution; rather than allocating a meager amount for symbolic gestures or perhaps, overly laborious administrative tasks that do not lead to timely recompensation.

As stated in our proposals, this is critical due to the ages of the remaining Russell City Residents and Descendants; many of whom have 1st hand experiences in Russell City and should receive recompensation - while they are alive and can use it.

Therefore, if the City of Hayward is sincere in its stated goals of making Restitution a priority; and due to the very long lag of 50+ years between the acknowledgement of the Russell City travesty and the ages of the existing Russell City Community, the framework for Restitution should be guided by the premise: "time is of the essence" - to truly serve as a meaningful restitution to the Russell City Residents and Descendants.

So, to the end of realizing Restitution for Russell City Residents and Descendants in a timely manner, the following pathway is proffered; using the abovementioned Proposals as Reference Documents:

**1) issuance of \$ 50K** restitution amount to Russell City Residents and Descendants, registered as such with the City of Hayward, no later than September 30, 2022.

A recommended schedule of payments, following a 3-Tier structure, and in accordance with LegalZoom's and related industry accepted guidelines for issuances; based on the order of next of kin (note - only one (1) payout per claimant):

**If the Resident and/or Descendant Relation was:**

**I. RESIDENT**

\$ 50,000

VE NON-RESIDENT - MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO RUSSELL CITY AS VOTED and Evidenced BY CONSENSUS OF RUSSELL CITY RESIDENTS AND DESCENDANTS  
\$ 50,000

**II. DESCENDANTS -**  
Non-Residents -  
consanguineous

A. relation to Resident:

Child	\$ 45,000	Parent	\$ 45,000	Sibling	\$ 40,000	Grandchild	\$ 40,000
Grndparent	\$ 35,000						
Aunt/Uncle	\$ 35,000						
Niece/Nephew	\$ 30,000						

B. relation to Resident:

G-Grandchild	\$35,000
G-Grandparent	\$ 30,000
G-Aunt/Uncle	\$30,000
G-Niece/Nephw	\$ 25,000

C. relation to Resident:

GG Grandchild	\$ 30,000
GG Grandparnt	\$ 25,000
GG Aunt/Uncle	\$ 25,000
GG Niece/Nephw	\$ 20,000

D. relation to Resident:

GGG Grnchild	\$ 25,000
GGG Grndprnt	\$20,000
GGG Ant/Uncl	\$ 20,000
GGG Nce/Nph	\$ 15,000

**III DESCNDENT/RESIDNTS**

Who want to use a formula based on their or their descendants' property value to be negotiated separately apart from this proposal.

**2. Russell City Commercial Building** with a 500 person Capacity and Parking to be sold to the Russell City Community Committee (RCCC - a 501c3 to be formed) for the price of \$1 and to be held in perpetuity, with no strings attached, by the same.

All utilities, taxes and any other government or municipal fees will not be the responsibility of the RCCC, but costs to be shouldered by the City of Hayward as recompensation; in the same number of years from the occupancy of Russell City during the established date of non-receipt of city and municipal

services to the residents, until the last date of recompensation fulfillment (III. above does not affect this date).

**3. Host an Open Forum on Russell City during Black History Month** - the Agenda of which is to be set by the governance committees assigned to Q25 and the RCCC. To be held in Russell City at the Hayward Shoreline and advertised widely thru the AP Newswire, NNPA Newswire, Local and National TV Stations, Hayward and other Bay Area City websites and media outlets Hayward traditionally uses and used for the Russell City Public Apology.

Sincerely,

Velda Goe  
Russell City Descendant  
Wynn-Brooks Family

# **E COMMENTS**

## eComment for City Council Meeting February 8, 2022 at 7 PM

Meeting: City Council on 2022-02-08 7:00 PM

Item: Public Comment for item no listed on the agenda

Randy Waage submitted a new eComment.

Hello... you've all done a wonderful job of maintaining the former Skywest Golf Course. With the dryer weather can someone please make sure that the duck ponds on the property get some gray/recycled water put into them for the ducks. Thanks so much! The place truly would make a wonderful open space park. Please keep that in mind for any future development plans. People need open space & recreation. I see tons of people/families using it to walk their dogs/walk around it every day. Thanks!