



MINUTES
Community Services Commission Meeting
March 19, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

Hayward City Hall, 777 B Street, Hayward, CA 94541 – Conference Room 2A & Zoom

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING AVAILABILITY

Webinar ID: 840 7296 6198 – Password: huJH+3Mar– Passcode for “Dial-in Option” 810172816

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Vice Chair Linda Moore

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Councilmember Bonilla

AB 2449 Teleconference Notification and Consideration

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

- Elaine Alvite, Commissioner
- Guadalupe Angulo, Commissioner
- Amardeep Brar, Commissioner
- Hoang Dao, Commissioner
- Hazel de Leon, Commissioner
- Jesse Gunn, Commissioner
- Janet Kassouf, Commissioner
- Yoshiko Kimura, Commissioner
- Daisy Maxion, Commissioner
- Linda Moore, Commissioner / Vice Chair
- Jagdeep Singh, Commissioner
- Mariana Triviso, Commissioner
- Lenita Wheeler, Commissioner
- Calvin Wong, Commissioner

Staff:

- Dr. Amy Cole-Bloom, Community Services Manager
- Regina Youngblood, Assistant City Manager
- Carol Lee, Management Analyst
- Emily Hwang, Management Analyst
- Evelyn R. Olivera, Senior Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT (not on the agenda)

None

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Approval of the Minutes of the Community Services Commission Meeting on February 19, 2025

- Commissioner Lenita Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Janet Kassouf seconded. The minutes were approved with ten (10) Yay votes and one (1) abstention. See *Figure 1: Action Item Votes for roll call vote.*

DISCUSSION

Informational Report: End of Public Comment Period (2/20/2025 thru 3/19/2025)

Dr. Cole-Bloom announced the end of Public Comment Period to provide comments regarding FY 2025 – 2026 Funding.

Informational Report: 30-Day Notice for City Council Public Hearing FY 2025 – 2026 Funding Recommendations.

Dr. Cole-Bloom announced the 30-day notice of City Council Public Hearing on April 22, 2025, for FY 2025 – 2026 Funding Recommendations.

Action Item: Elections

Dr. Cole-Bloom provided an overview of the election process that incorporates the recent actions made by Council regarding boards and commissions. Nominations were made and either accepted or respectfully declined for the vacant Chair seat. The two accepted nominations were for Commissioner Lenita Wheeler and Commissioner Calvin Wong; both commissioners made brief candidate statements. Commissioner Lenita Wheeler was voted in as the New Chair for the remainder of FY 2024 – 2025.

The vote tallies for Chair were:

Chair	
Name	Count of Vote
Lenita Wheeler	9
Calvin Wong	5

Action Item: FY 2025 – 2026 Community Agency Funding Process CSC Final Funding Recommendations

Ms. Emily Hwang provided a summary of the funding allocations recommended and discussed during the February 19, 2025, Community Services Commission meeting. She shared the

following next steps: Recommendations will be heard at the City Council Work Session on April 1, 2025, with public comment period from April 4th to May 4th for those interested in making further public comments.

Dr. Cole-Bloom provided commissioners with an overview of staff recommended improvements to the current funding process. These improvements were informed by benchmarking research of comparable jurisdictions and staff recommendations. Commissioners were provided with an opportunity to ask clarifying questions regarding this item.

Public Comments on Item:

- Shubbie Aishida, Director of The Peace Haven Corporation: The Freedom Store, expressed gratitude to the Commission for their ongoing efforts. Ms. Aishida appealed for additional funding, highlighting that the Freedom Store serves not only low-income individuals but also medium-income community members, a group that continues to grow due to economic conditions. She emphasized that the Freedom Store has operated as a one-person effort for a long time and is now seeking support from the city to continue providing families with essential items like clothing, food, and other basic needs.
- Samantha Beckett, Directing Attorney of Tenants' Rights at Centro Legal de la Raza, thanked the Commission for the funding recommendation and their ongoing efforts. She expressed concern over the reduced funding, noting that eviction rates remain at record highs, currently 150% of pre-pandemic levels, with Hayward tenants being especially affected. Ms. Beckett also raised concerns about informal evictions, where landlords are bypassing the court process, disproportionately impacting marginalized communities. She emphasized that these funds are crucial to ensure that as many low-income families as possible receive the support they need and urged the Commission to fully fund, or close to, Centro Legal de la Raza.

Dr. Cole-Bloom reminded the Commission there will be additional public comment opportunities.

The Commissioners discussed the potential changes to the CAF, as presented by staff. Staff provided clarification in response to various inquiries from the Commission.

- A motion to approve the funding recommendations as published was moved by Commissioner Triviso and seconded by Commissioner Gunn. The motion passed with eleven (11) Yay votes and three (3) Nay votes. See *Figure 1: Action Item Votes for roll call vote*.

Oral Report: CSC Conversations on Racial Equity, Public Safety

There was nothing to report to the Commission on this item.

Action Item: CSC Agenda Planning Calendar

- A motion to approve the agenda planning calendar was moved by Commissioner Gunn with a second by Commissioner Triviso. The motion was approved unanimously. See *Figure 1: Action Item Votes for roll call vote*.

Council Liaison / Commissioner / Staff Announcements

- Councilmember Bonilla announced that Tennyson High School's *We the People* team has been selected to receive the prestigious John Lewis Team Award, an honor given to only one high school in the nation. The team will travel to Washington, D.C. to accept the award and compete in the national competition. A fundraiser to support their trip will be held on Sunday, March 23rd, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at Casa Del Toro. He encouraged the Commission to consider contributing and to help spread the word about the team's achievement and fundraising efforts.
- Councilmember Bonilla announced the Hayward Youth Commission is currently accepting applications. The Commission was encouraged to share this opportunity with any young people in their lives who may be interested. The deadline for applying is May 9th.
- Councilmember Bonilla congratulated recently elected Chair Commissioner Wheeler and thanked Commissioner Moore for her time serving as Chair.
- Dr. Cole-Bloom reminded the Commission to complete Form 700.
- Dr. Cole-Bloom announced City of Hayward Beanies are available for those Commissioner who did not attend the December Volunteer Appreciation event.
- Assistant City Manager Youngblood provided updates on the Council Ad Hoc Committee on Boards and Commissions.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Linda Moore adjourned the meeting at 9:02 pm

Figure 1: Action Item Votes

Community Services Commission Meeting Voting Tally Sheet for March 19, 2025				
Commissioner	Roll Call	Minutes of the February 19, 2025 CSC Meeting	Item IV CAF Recommendations	Item 6 CSC Agenda Planning Calendar
Vice Chair Linda Moore	Present	Yay	Yay	Yay
Parliamentarian Daisy Maxion	Present	Yay	Yay	Yay
Elaine Alvite	Present	-	Yay	Yay
Guadalupe Angulo	Present	Yay	Nay	Yay
Amardeep Brar	Present	-	Yay	Yay
Hoang Dao	Present	-	Yay	Yay
Hazel de Leon	Present	Yay	Nay	Yay
Jesse Gunn	Present	Yay	Second, Yay	First, Yay
Janet Kassouf	Present	Second, Abstain	Nay	Yay
Yoshiko Kimura	Present	Yay	Yay	Yay
Jagdeep Singh	Present	Yay	Yay	Yay
Mariana Triviso	Present	Yay	First, Yay	Second, Yay
Lenita Wheeler	Present	First, Yay	Yay	Yay
Calvin Wong	Present	Yay	Yay	Yay