

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 20-191

Introduced by Council Member Zermeño

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO WAIVE ALL EXISTING LIBRARY FINES AND FEES BALANCES, LIFT EXISTING LIBRARY ACCOUNT HOLDS, AND CEASE THE CHARGING AND COLLECTION OF LATE (OVERDUE) FINES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1ST, 2021

WHEREAS, late (overdue) fines the Library has collected disproportionately impact poorer communities in Hayward; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that late fines in libraries disproportionately impact African Americans and people of color; and

WHEREAS, the Library has seen a steady decline in the amount of revenue from late fines over the past 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the costs in staff time to process late fines currently exceeds the revenue collected; and

WHEREAS, the Library Commission unanimously approved the waiver of fines and fees balances, lifting of account holds, and cessation of late fines at their meeting on October 19, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward authorizes the City Manager to waive all existing library fines and fees balances, lift existing library account holds, and cease the charging and collection of late (overdue) fines effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA November 10, 2020.

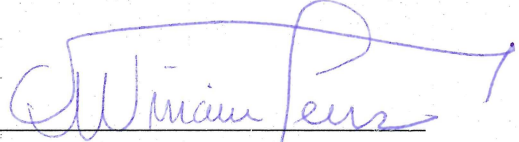
ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

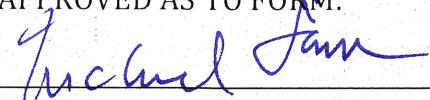
AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Lamnin, Márquez, Mendall, Salinas, Wahab, Zermeño  
MAYOR: Halliday

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

ATTEST:   
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
City Attorney of the City of Hayward