



**DATE:** May 1, 2018  
**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Hayward Youth Commission  
**SUBJECT** Hayward Youth Commission FY 2018 Annual Report

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council accepts an update on the Hayward Youth Commission's goals and achievements for FY18 and provides recommendations regarding Commission goals and objectives for FY19.

### **SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on the goals and achievements of the Hayward Youth Commission (HYC) for FY18, and includes a summary of the Commission's subcommittee projects, as well as an overview of the trip to the State Capitol.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Hayward Youth Commission (HYC) advises the Mayor and City Council, and the elected boards of the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD) and Hayward Unified School District (HUSD), about issues that affect young people in the Hayward community. Members also work on projects and conduct activities throughout the year to benefit Hayward youth (i.e., conducting a community youth needs assessment, organizing youth rallies on community issues, and holding conferences, youth summits, etc.).

In FY18, the Commission consisted of twenty-one voting seats and eight alternates. To be eligible to serve on the HYC, an applicant must be between the ages of 13 and 20 at the time of appointment and live within the Hayward city limits or within the boundaries of the Hayward Unified School District.

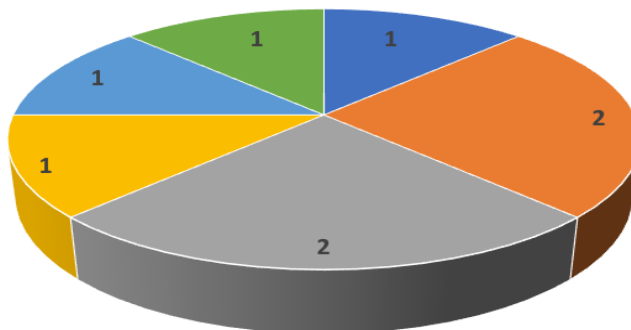
On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, interviews were conducted at Hayward City Hall for the vacant positions for the 2017-18 roster. The City received 32 applications to fill 10 open seats. The interview panel consisted of two members each from the Hayward City Council, the HUSD Board of Trustees, and the HARD Board of Directors. Because there was a strong pool of candidates, it was decided to expand the number of alternates from two to eight individuals. Below is the breakdown of the schools represented by the appointed HYC members:

### 2017-18 Hayward Youth Commission Voting Seats (21)



- Mt. Eden High School (6)
- Hayward High School (2)
- Leadership Public High School (6)
- Tennyson High School (2)
- Moreau Catholic High School (4)
- Alameda Science & Technology Institute (1)

### Hayward Youth Commission FY18 Alternates (8)



- Mt Eden High School (1)
- Moreau Catholic High School (2)
- Impact Academy of Arts & Tech (1)
- Tennyson High School (2)
- Leadership Public High School (1)
- Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School (1)

Regular meetings of the HYC are held on the first and third Mondays of each month, unless a date falls on a holiday in which case the meeting is cancelled. All regular meetings of the HYC

are held at Hayward City Hall, Room 2A, unless, the Commission determines that a meeting should be conducted in a different location. All Commission meetings are also open to the public, in accordance with the California Brown Act.

## **DISCUSSION**

At the beginning of each term, the Hayward Youth Commission members along with the staff liaisons identify community issues of importance to youth and then form subcommittees to research those issues. Based on that research, the Commission determines which actions it will take to better the Hayward Community.

In FY18, the Commission subcommittees consisted of:

- **Youth Survey Subcommittee:** This Subcommittee developed a questionnaire designed to better understand the needs and desires of Hayward youth. This survey is currently underway. The results are expected to be available by the end of June 2018. The Commissioners serving in FY19 will utilize this data to formulate future Commission projects.
- **Youth Scholarship Fund Subcommittee** – This is the fundraising arm of the HYC. In 2015, the Commission created scholarships to be given to for Hayward’s youth. These scholarships were to help Hayward students to cover the cost of college application fees. That year the HYC designed and sold “I love Hayward” T-Shirts to raise money. In FY17, the Commission raised over \$1,200. The subcommittee then held an essay contest and the winners were awarded the scholarships to help cover their college application expenses. This year, the subcommittee partnered with Chipotle Mexican Grill to hold a fundraiser on April 21, 2018. A portion of the sales on that day will be donated to the HYC and used for this year’s scholarships.
- **Food Waste Subcommittee** – This subcommittee was formed to prevent food waste in Hayward Schools. The subcommittee has been surveying students and staff in Hayward’s Elementary, Middle and High Schools to determine the cause of food waste, and then will prepare a plan to mitigate this problem.
- **Hayward Police Department Subcommittee** – Hayward Police Chief Mark Koller asked the Commission to partner with the Police Department to conduct youth outreach in the Hayward community. The subcommittee along with Sergeant Tommie Clayton and Officers Michelle Hall, Rodney Reed, and Norman Davis have been meeting regularly to create a curriculum around the themes of: “Know Your Rights as a Minor” and “Bridging the Gap between Officers and Students”. Together, they will be holding assemblies in HUSD Middle Schools in the upcoming months.

On May 2, 2018, the Hayward Youth Commission took a field trip to the California State Capitol. The day began at 7am at the Hayward Amtrak station where the group caught the Capitol Corridor train to Sacramento. Once they arrived in Sacramento, the Commissioners met with State Assembly Member Bill Quirk where he discussed his career path and the legislation that he has authored. A question and answer session then followed with the HYC members.

After lunch, the Commission met with Senator Bob Wieckowski on the Senate floor for a private tour and Q & A session. Senator Wieckowski also acknowledged the HYC from the floor during the Senate session. The fieldtrip concluded with a tour of the State Capitol which serves as both a museum and the state's working seat of government.

### **NEXT STEPS**

The Commission will complete its tasks prior to its final meeting on June 4, 2018.

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