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From: Hayward Community Coalition <
Sent: Monday, February 6, 2023 11:57 AM
To: List-Mayor-Council <List-Mayor-Council@hayward-ca.gov>
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Subject: Urgent Matter Regarding HPD

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Good Afternoon Council,

On behalf of Christina Haupaya, we are writing you regarding an urgent matter regarding recent news involving a minor and police use of excessive force. Please read the attached letter from The Hayward Community Coalition as we support Christina and her family. If you have any question please let us know.



Hayward Community Coalition

Dear Councilmember,

We are reaching out to you on behalf of a family that we are supporting in seeking more information on the brutal assault of her son. Christina's son was stopped in a traffic stop January 20th 2023 at 4:00p near the McDonald's on Watkins and during that time her son was handcuffed and suffered from multiple contusions, blunt force traumas and brain swelling due to 4 police officers (3 male and 1 female) using excessive force on her 16 year old child. Christina's son is an honor roll student with zero criminal history.

The mother has reached out to Hayward Police multiple times to request the report, body cam footage, and any other information from the incident, but they have not worked with her and have refused to share the report, names of officers involved, or details because her son is a minor (although she is on the report and is his legal guardian). There are many inconsistencies in the little information that Hayward Police has decided to share while refusing to release records and body camera footage, in a blatant violation of SB 1421 and AB 748. Given recent news regarding Tyre Nichols, we are looking to you, City Leaders, to prioritize confronting these same issues here in Hayward. As council members, you have an opportunity to help this mother get more information and accountability for her son. We urge you to help this mother get the information she is entitled to in accordance with SB 1421 and AB 748, as well as make sure that Kelly McAdoo makes seeking information and justice for this family her top priority.

Our need is for the investigation process to involve Christina and her son's voices. We must collectively ensure that there is individual and systemic accountability for the sake of our loved ones and community members. As City Council members,, it is not just a moral obligation but it is a legal one—we expect council members to confront HPD over its violation of

resident's right to information and live free of police brutality. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

The Hayward Community Coalition

CONSENT ITEM # 7

CONS 23-085

-----Original Message-----

From: TJ <haywardconcernedcitizens2020@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:08 PM

To: List-Mayor-Council <List-Mayor-Council@hayward-ca.gov>

Subject: CONSENT ITEM #23-085, 2/7/23 General City Council Meeting

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Mayor Salinas and Council:

I am writing with regard to the consent item on tonight's General City Council Meeting agenda:

Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Coordination, Resiliency, and Action Agreement with Russell City Energy Company, LLC and Accepting and Appropriating Donations for a Fire Department Hazardous Materials Response Vehicle and for the Russell City Reparative Justice Project (RCRJP) Following the Explosion that Occurred at the Russell City Energy Center on May 27, 2021

As some on council may recall, one of our group members and myself spoke in public comments to this matter when it was initially raised during the 5/24/22 council meeting. While I agree that it makes sense to use the settlement funds from this unfortunate explosion toward Hayward's own hazmat response vehicle, I still fail to see why our city leaders would prioritize the remainder toward yet another memorial to honor Russell City.

I intend no disrespect to Russell City descendants or their experience as I share my viewpoint, but wish to highlight that in addition to the energy center bearing Russell City's name, there is a parklet on the site of Russell City, a playground with Russell City signage, a downtown mural, a plaque in Heritage Plaza, and city funding for the annual Russell City reunion picnic.

I am a firm believer in placing funds toward where they will do the greatest good for the greatest number of people. Our city is hurting for all the small businesses that are struggling or have shut down, the non-profits that need donations to stay afloat, the programs hurt by the pandemic and funding cuts; not to mention some of the city's newer pilots and projects that cannot be fully operationalized for lack of funds.

I am aware my input is not likely to change the course of your decision concerning this item, but I do hope council will reflect on it when prioritizing where to direct unexpected funds in the future.

Sincerely,

TJ

HAYWARD CONCERNED CITIZENS