



# CITY OF HAYWARD

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**DATE:** June 21, 2022

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Director of Library Services  
Library Commission

### **SUBJECT**

Adopt a Resolution Affirming the City's Support for the Library Bill of Rights, the Freedom to Read Statement, and the Freedom to View Statement

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopts a resolution (Attachment II) affirming the City's support for the Library Bill of Rights, Freedom to Read, and Freedom to View Statements.

### **SUMMARY**

The freedom to read, along with the freedom to speak, hear, and view, is protected by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. In a free society, there is no place for censorship of any medium of expression. On February 28, 2022, the Library Commission unanimously affirmed its support for the Hayward Public Library's commitment to intellectual freedom by endorsing three statements from the American Library Association: the Library Bill of Rights, The Freedom to Read Statement, and The Freedom to View Statement.

The Library Commission, along with the Library Department, respectfully asks the Mayor and City Council to adopt a resolution affirming the City's support for the Library Bill of Rights, the Freedom to Read Statement, and the Freedom to View Statement.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

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| Attachment I   | Staff Report                         |
| Attachment II  | Resolution                           |
| Attachment III | Library Commission Letter of Support |
| Attachment IV  | ALA Library Bill of Rights           |
| Attachment V   | ALA Freedom to Read Statement        |
| Attachment VI  | ALA Freedom to View Statement        |

