

CITY OF HAYWARD

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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: City Clerk

SUBJECT

Informational Report on the Hayward Youth Commission Annual Recruitment and Appointment/Reappointment Process

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives this informational report on the Hayward Youth Commission and approach for suspending the annual recruitment and extending terms of current members through June 30, 2021 due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

SUMMARY

It is the City of Hayward practice to conduct the annual recruitment for the Hayward Youth Commission (HYC) from March to May of every year by partnering with schools and institutions in Hayward. Upon the application deadline, two elected officials from the City of Hayward, the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD), and the Hayward Unified School District (HUSD) interview applicants and provide recommendations to fill vacancies. Interviews generally occur in June and recommendations are ratified by a vote of the City Council at the end of June.

During the last couple of years, and particularly last year, Hayward has seen an increase in participation from various schools. In an effort to increase youth participation and ensure diversity, the three agencies unanimously approved an increase to the number of alternate members from nine to eleven positions. The current membership of the HYC consists of twenty-one (21) voting members and nine (9) alternates. Two alternates have resigned since their appointments last June. The terms of twenty (20) members will end on June 30, 2020; however, these members are eligible and in good standing to seek reappointment.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I Staff Report