

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 26-_____

Introduced by Council Member_____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD: 1) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA AND THE CITY OF HAYWARD FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE RUSSELL CITY REDRESS FUND AND FIRST PHASE PAYMENTS; 2) ACCEPTING \$100,000 FROM THE ALAMEDA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION FOR ITS PLEDGE TO THE RUSSELL CITY REDRESS FUND AND TRANSFERRING SAID \$100,000 TO THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA AUDITOR-CONTROLLER; 3) APPROVING RECEIPT OF UP TO \$100,000 IN ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER ENTITIES OR PERSONS AND TRANSFERRING SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA AUDITOR-CONTROLLER; AND, 4) DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ANY ASSOCIATED BUDGETARY ACTIONS RELATED HERETO

WHEREAS, Russell City was founded in 1853 as an unincorporated community in Alameda County. In the 1960s, Russell City residents were displaced through an effort to transition the area into industrial and commercial development; and

WHEREAS, both the City of Hayward and Alameda County issued formal apologies acknowledging the 1960s displacement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hayward, the County of Alameda, and the Alameda County Office of Education ("ACOE") have committed an aggregate of \$1.3 million to the Russell City Redress Fund, consisting of \$250,000 from the City, \$950,000 from the County, and \$100,000 from ACOE; and

WHEREAS, the fund is intended to issue direct payments to eligible applicants, representing a further step in acknowledging and addressing the harm caused by the 1960s displacement of Russell City residents; and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2026, the City Council authorized the transfer of \$250,000 in funds to the Russell City Redress Fund; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2026, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Alameda unanimously approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Alameda and the City of Hayward establishing the administration and governance of the Russell City Redress Fund and authorized the Alameda County Auditor-Controller, consistent with the MOU, to issue Phase 1 payments to eligible recipients; and

WHEREAS, the MOU establishes a Redress Fund Working Group and an independent Eligibility Review Subcommittee and designates the Alameda County Auditor-Controller to hold and distribute Redress Fund assets; and

WHEREAS, Phase 1 prioritizes individuals who personally owned and resided in residential property in Russell City between January 1, 1961 and December 31, 1964, and whose property was acquired by Alameda County through eminent domain during that period, with payments of up to \$25,000 per eligible household.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Hayward hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Hayward and the County of Alameda for the administration and governance of the Russell City Redress Fund, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, including the Phase 1 eligibility criteria and payment framework contained therein, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council hereby accepts the \$100,000 contribution from the Alameda County Office of Education for the Russell City Redress Fund and authorizes the City Manager to transfer such contribution to the Alameda County Auditor-Controller in accordance with the MOU.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to transfer the City's previously appropriated \$250,000 contribution to the Russell City Redress Fund to the Alameda County Auditor-Controller in accordance with the MOU.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to accept up to \$100,000 in additional contributions from other entities or persons for the Russell City Redress Fund, and transfer such contributions to the Alameda County Auditor-Controller in accordance with the MOU.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to take such related administrative and budgetary actions as are necessary to implement this Resolution and the MOU, consistent with the City's adopted budget and applicable law.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2026

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
MAYOR:

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