



**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYWOOD YOUTH COMMISSION**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026 AT 4:30 PM**

Maywood City Council Chambers  
4319 E. Slauson Avenue, Maywood, CA 90270  
[www.cityofmaywood.org](http://www.cityofmaywood.org)

I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**  
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II. **YOUTH COMMISSION OFFICIALS**

CHAIR  
Eliud Gonzalez

VICE-CHAIR  
Roy Hernandez

COMMISSIONERS  
Valentina Ortiz  
Hailey Montenegro  
Pedro Velez

STAFF  
John Thornton, Community Services  
Supervisor

Ivan Rodriguez, Recreational Leader

III. **PRESENTATIONS**

TREEPEOPLE TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE PRESENTATION

IV. **MEETING PROCEDURES**

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN PERSON.

THE MEETING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING VIA ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89441471614> AND VIA THE CITY'S FACEBOOK PAGE.

Public Participation Options:

1. **In-Person:** Council Chambers located at 4319 E. Slauson Avenue, Maywood, CA
2. **Before the Meeting:** Public comment will be accepted for the record in advance by 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting by email to [john.thornton@cityofmaywood.org](mailto:john.thornton@cityofmaywood.org); or if you are unable to email, please call the Community Services Office at (323) 562-5722. Your comment will be made part of the written record but will NOT be read verbally at the meeting.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the Youth Commission Meeting, please contact the Community Services Office at (323) 562-5722 within 72 hours of the meeting.

V. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

VI. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Time allotted: 3 minutes)**

Speakers wishing to address the Youth Commission may use the instructions provided in section **III. MEETING PROCEDURES** beginning on page 1 of this agenda.

VII. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

*All matters listed under CONSENT CALENDAR are considered to be routine and can be acted on by one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the Commission request specific items to be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion or action.*

1. MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2026, YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

VIII. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

2. DISCUSSION ON CREATING A COMMUNITY NEEDS YOUTH SURVEY
3. DISCUSSION ON PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH COMMISSIONS 2026 VIRTUAL SPRING CONFERENCE

IX. **STAFF COMMENTS**

- X. **ADJOURNMENT** - The next Regular Meeting of the Maywood Youth Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers

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## MEETING MINUTES

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Pedro Velez (**present**)

STAFF  
John Thornton, CS Supervisor (**present**)  
Ivan Rodriguez, Recreational Leader (**present**)

III. **MEETING PROCEDURES**

The meeting was held in person.

The meeting was made available via zoom through the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83733382835> and via the City's Facebook.

Public Participation Options:

1. In-Person: Council Chambers located at 4319 E. Slauson Avenue, Maywood, CA
2. In-writing

**IV. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

No Comments

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments

**VI. PRESENTATIONS**

Nada AlMubarak presented on Agents of Discovery and how it can be used in the City of Maywood  
**Commissioner Velez** had questions/comments  
**Commissioner Montenegro** had questions/comments  
**Commissioner Hernandez** had comments

Sandra Ruiz presented on LA Scholars Program and how the program can benefit Maywood 1st generation college student attending 2 or 4 year college degrees.  
**Commissioner Velez** had questions/comments  
**Commissioner Montenegro** had questions/comments  
**Commissioner Hernandez** had comments

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2025 YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING**

Commissioner Montenegro made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Vice Chair Hernandez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

**VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**1. CONSIDERATION OF YOUTH COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE 2026 CITY OF MAYWOOD EVENT SCHEDULE**

Vice Chair Hernandez made comments and recommendations. Commissioner Montenegro made comments and event recommendations.

**VIII. STAFF COMMENTS**

Community Services Supervisor Thornton made comments.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:21 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Maywood Youth Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
John Thornton, Community Services Supervisor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eliud Gonzalez , Chairperson



**DATE:** February 11, 2026

**TO:** HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION

**FROM:** JOHN THORNTON, COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPERVISOR

**BY:** JOHN THORNTON, COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPERVISOR

**SUBJECT:** DISCUSSION ON CREATING A COMMUNITY NEEDS YOUTH SURVEY

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Youth Commission approve moving forward with development and launch of a citywide Youth Community Needs Assessment Survey to support the Commission’s advisory role and annual goals.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Youth Commission serves as an advisory body to the City Council and City departments, providing a youth perspective on policies, programs, and services that affect young residents. The Commission promotes civic engagement, leadership development, and community involvement among youth while helping the City better understand the needs and priorities of its younger population.

Through meetings, outreach activities, service projects, and special initiatives, the Youth Commission works to amplify youth voices and strengthen connections between young people and local government.

To effectively fulfill this role, it is essential that the Commission regularly hears from a broad range of youth in the community—not only those already involved in City programs, but also students, working youth, and young people from different neighborhoods and backgrounds.

Launching a citywide Youth Community Needs Assessment Survey will provide the Commission with a structured, data-driven way to gather this input for the first time at this scale.

**DISCUSSION:**

Staff is requesting that the Youth Commission collaborate on creating the survey and assist with presenting it to City Council for review in March 2026 for feedback. Commissioners will:

- Draft survey questions and identify topic areas.
- Develop outreach strategies to reach a broad, diverse youth audience.
- Participate in promotion through schools, programs, and social media.

- Assist with hosting listening sessions or focus groups.
- Review survey results and help prepare a presentation for City Council.

The Commission will provide feedback and direction on the proposed approach, timeline, and level of involvement to ensure the survey can be launched in April.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**ATTACHMENT(S)**



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**FROM:** JOHN THORNTON, COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPERVISOR

**BY:** JOHN THORNTON, COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPERVISOR

**SUBJECT:** DISCUSSION ON PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH COMMISSIONS 2026 VIRTUAL SPRING CONFERENCE

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommended that the Youth Commission nominate three members to attend the California Association of Youth Commissions (CAYC) Spring Conference via Zoom. This ensures focused representation while managing time and resources, and the attendees can provide a summary to the full commission, ensuring all members benefit from the experience.

**BACKGROUND:**

The California Association of Youth Commissions (CAYC) is a statewide organization dedicated to connecting local youth commissions to share best practices, collaborate on initiatives, and amplify the voices of young people in local government. Through CAYC, youth commissions gain access to resources, policy discussions, and workshops aimed at enhancing civic engagement and youth well-being.

The CAYC 2026 Virtual Spring Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 21, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm via Zoom**. This free conference will bring together youth commissioners from across California to:

- Exchange ideas and strategies for impactful local initiatives
- Participate in workshops focused on youth-driven policy solutions
- Hear from policymakers and experts on topics including AI and teen mental health, e-bike safety, alcohol use, and vocational training

Participation in this conference offers Maywood’s Youth Commission an opportunity to learn, network, and represent the City at the state level.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Youth Commission is requested to discuss and decide on the following:

**Attendance Representation:** Should all Youth Commission members attend, or should only select representatives participate?

**Nomination of Representatives:** If limited representation is chosen, nominate **three commissioners** to attend and report back on conference insights.

**Bio Submission:** Determine which attending commissioners will submit a short bio to CAYC, including relevant information such as name, role on the commission, interests in youth leadership, and connection to City initiatives.

**Preparation and Follow-Up:** Discuss expectations for attendees, including sharing notes, lessons learned, and recommendations with the full commission to ensure collective benefit.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**ATTACHMENT(S)**