



AGENDA

STUDY SESSION OF THE MAYWOOD YOUTH COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026 AT 4:30 PM

Maywood City Council Chambers
4319 E. Slauson Avenue, Maywood, CA 90270
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
Hailey Montenergo
Valentina Ortiz
Pedro Velez

STAFF
John Thornton, Community Services
Supervisor

Ivan Rodriguez, Recreational Leader

III. **PRESENTATIONS**

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; 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 FEBRUARY 11, 2026, YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

VIII. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

2. YOUTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

IX. **STAFF COMMENTS**

- X. **ADJOURNMENT** - The next Regular Meeting of the Maywood Youth Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers

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AGENDA REPORT
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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.

DATE: March 11, 2026

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION

FROM:

BY:

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2026, YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

RECOMMENDATION:

BACKGROUND:

DISCUSSION:

FISCAL IMPACT:

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Youth Commission Meeting Minutes 2.11.26



MEETING MINUTES

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

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Gonzalez called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 p.m. The Community Services Supervisor conducted roll call.

II. YOUTH COMMISSION OFFICIALS

COMMISSIONERS

Eliud Gonzalez (present)
Roy Hernandez (present)
Hailey Montenegro (present)
Valentina Ortiz (present)
Pedro Velez (present)

STAFF

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

III. PRESENTATIONS

TREEPEOPLE TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE PRESENTATION

Montse Plascencia provided a Community Canopy presentation on why trees are so important for Maywood.

IV. 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

V. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioners Velez made comments.

VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment.

VII. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

2. DISCUSSION ON CREATING A COMMUNITY NEEDS YOUTH SURVEY

Chair Gonzalez opened motion to approve discussion items # 2 on the agenda. Commissioner Montenegro second the motion.

Ayes: González, Hernández, Vélez, Ortiz, Montenegro.
Motion passed 5-0.

3. DISCUSSION ON PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH COMMISSIONS 2026 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE.

Chair Gonzalez open motion to approve discussion item #3 on the agenda to send all five Youth Commission members to (CAYC).

Ayes: González, Hernández, Vélez, Ortiz, Montenegro.
Motion passed 5-0.

VIII. **STAFF COMMENTS**

Community Services Supervisor Thornton provided information and volunteer opportunities for upcoming City events.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:09 p.m. 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.

John Thornton, Community Services Supervisor

Eliud Gonzalez, Chairperson

AGENDA REPORT
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AGENDA ITEM NO. 2.

DATE: March 11, 2026
TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION
FROM: JOHN THORNTON, COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPERVISOR
BY: JOHN THORNTON, COMMUNITY SERVICES SUPERVISOR
SUBJECT: YOUTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Youth Commission:

1. Review and finalize the Youth Community Needs Assessment Survey questions during today's Study Session.
2. Provide direction on the target age group and distribution methods.
3. Approve moving forward with launching the survey within the proposed timeline.

Finalizing the questions today will allow staff to begin preparing the survey for distribution and ensure the Commission can move forward in a timely and organized manner. The Youth Commission will finalize the survey questions on March 11 and will present the proposed questions to the City Council at the March 25 meeting to receive feedback and input.

BACKGROUND:

The Youth Commission serves as an advisory group to the City Council and City departments. Its role is to provide a youth perspective on programs, policies, and services that affect young residents in Maywood. The Commission also promotes leadership, civic engagement, and community involvement among youth.

On February 11, 2026, the idea of conducting a Youth Community Needs Assessment Survey was presented at a Youth Commission meeting. Commissioners expressed interest in gathering broader input from youth across the community. This Study Session allows for further discussion and direction.

DISCUSSION:

Youth make up a big part of our community. In cities like Maywood, about one out of every four residents is under 18 years old. That means many City decisions and programs directly affect young people.

Right now, most of the feedback the City gets comes from youth who are already signed up for City programs. While that feedback is helpful, it does not tell us what all youth in the community think. We are not hearing enough from teens who do not participate in programs, working students, or youth from different schools and

neighborhoods. Without hearing from everyone, the City may make decisions based on guesses instead of real information.

To fix this, staff is proposing a Youth Community Needs Assessment Survey. This would be a short survey with about 15 to 20 simple questions. It should take about five minutes to complete so it is quick and easy for students.

The survey would ask questions like:

- What types of programs are you interested in? (sports, arts, jobs, leadership, events, etc.)
- What stops you from joining programs? (no ride, too busy, cost, didn't know about it)
- What days and times work best for you?
- How do you prefer to get information? (Instagram, school announcements, text, friends)
- Would you be interested in volunteering in City events?

There would also be a space where youth can share their own ideas.

The survey would mostly be online using a simple tool like Google Forms. It would also be available in English and Spanish. We can share it on social media, at schools, at parks, and at community events. QR codes can make it easy to scan and complete on a phone.

If the Youth Commission finishes the questions today, staff can prepare the survey and launch it within the next couple of weeks. After it closes, the results will be shared with the Commission. The Youth Commission will finalize the survey questions on March 11 and will present the proposed questions to the City Council at the March 25 meeting to receive feedback and input.

This survey will help the City understand what youth actually want and need. Instead of guessing, we will have real answers from real students. That will help improve programs and make sure youth voices are heard.

FISCAL IMPACT:

ATTACHMENT(S)