



**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYWOOD YOUTH COMMISSION**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 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  
Hailey Montenergo  
Valentina Ortiz  
Pedro Velez

STAFF  
John Thornton, Community Services  
Supervisor

Ivan Rodriguez, Recreational Leader

**III. 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 [miguel.leon@cityofmaywood.org](mailto:miguel.leon@cityofmaywood.org); or if you are unable to email, please call the City Clerk's Office at (323) 562-5714. Your comment will be made part of the written record but will NOT be

read verbally at the meeting.

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**IV. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**V. 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.

**VI. PRESENTATIONS**

SELA YOUTH ADVOCACY EFFORTS PRESENTATION

**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 MARCH 11, 2026, YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

**VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

2. YOUTH COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY – LAUNCH PLAN

**IX. STAFF COMMENTS**

- X. ADJOURNMENT** - The next Regular Meeting of the Maywood Youth Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers

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**DATE:** April 8, 2026

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

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

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

**SUBJECT:** YOUTH COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY – LAUNCH PLAN

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Youth Commission:

1. Receive and file this report.
2. Review and approve the flyer and survey
3. Provide feedback on the proposed Youth Community Needs Assessment Survey.
4. Approve the launch of the survey from April through May 2026.
5. Provide direction on outreach strategies and participation incentives.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Youth Commission serves as an advisory body to the City Council and provides input on programs, services, and policies that impact youth in Maywood. The Commission also promotes leadership, civic engagement, and community involvement among young residents.

On **February 11, 2026**, the Youth Commission introduced the concept of a Youth Community Needs Assessment Survey to better understand the needs, interests, and challenges facing youth in the community.

On **March 11, 2026**, the Youth Commission held a Study Session to review and finalize survey questions and discuss distribution strategies.

On **March 25, 2026**, the Youth Commission is presenting the proposed survey to the City Council to receive feedback and direction prior to launching.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Maywood Youth Commission has been actively working to develop a Youth Community Needs Assessment Survey to better understand the interests, needs, and challenges of youth in the community. The goal of this survey is to gather meaningful input that will guide future programming, services, and resource allocation within the City.

To ensure the survey captures well-rounded and actionable feedback, the Youth Commission organized the questions into key focus areas. Each section is designed to better understand different aspects of youth

engagement, access, and community needs.

The proposed survey categories and questions are outlined below:

### **Programs & Activities**

*This section aims to understand youth interest in recreational programming and their level of engagement with existing City offerings. This will help identify gaps in programming and opportunities to expand activities.*

- Would you like more opportunities to participate in sports activities in the city (such as baseball, softball, football, or programs like Dodger Dream Team)?
- Are you interested in the programs that currently exist in the city?
- Do you feel encouraged to participate in existing city programs?
- Do you feel engaged in the programs currently offered by the city?

### **Education & Skill Development**

*This section focuses on academic support and life skills development, helping the City identify opportunities to support youth success in school and beyond.*

- Would you be interested in college preparation support, such as workshops on college applications or FAFSA?
- Would you be interested in study sessions or tutoring opportunities?
- What types of skills or workshops would you like the City to offer (for example: financial literacy, opening a bank account, budgeting, etc.)?

### **Teen Center & Youth Engagement**

*This section is intended to gather input on how the City can enhance youth spaces and improve participation, particularly at the Teen Center.*

- What would you like to see in a Teen Center?
- How could the City better connect students from schools like Maces or Maywood Academy to the Teen Center?

### **Community Needs & Issues**

*This section helps identify broader challenges youth are experiencing in the community, allowing the City to better align programs and partnerships to address these concerns.*

- What are the biggest issues you see in the City of Maywood?  
(Examples may include housing, homelessness, environmental concerns, or other community issues.)

### **Interests & Hobbies**

*This section explores creative and recreational interests to help the City develop programs that reflect youth passions and encourage participation.*

- What interests or hobbies do you have that you would like to see supported in the community (such as art, music, or creative activities)?

### **Access & Awareness**

*This section evaluates awareness of existing City services and identifies opportunities to improve communication and accessibility.*

- Are you aware of transportation options in the city, such as the Maywood shuttle?

### **Basic Needs & Resources**

*This section seeks to understand whether youth and their families face challenges related to basic needs and what resources may be helpful.*

- Do you think youth in the community face challenges such as food insecurity or difficulty accessing food?
- What resources could help youth or their families access food or other basic needs?

### **Youth Commission Engagement Incentive (Council Participation)**

*To encourage participation and increase survey responses, the City Council also discussed incorporating a fun, community-based incentive tied to City Council engagement.*

The City Council proposed a tiered incentive structure based on survey participation:

- **50 completed survey responses:** One City Council Member will participate in a “pie-in-the-face” activity
- **100 or more completed survey responses:** The Mayor will participate in a dunk tank activity

These activities are proposed to take place during the City’s **Family Night event scheduled for July 17**, creating a fun and engaging way to promote civic participation while encouraging youth involvement in City initiatives.

The feedback collected through this survey will provide valuable insight into the priorities and needs of Maywood youth. This information will support the City in enhancing existing programs, developing new initiatives, and strengthening partnerships with schools and community organizations to better serve our youth in Maywood..

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**ATTACHMENT(S)**