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DATE: March 25, 2008
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Clerk
SUBJECT: Keep Hayward Clean and Green Task Force Resignations

RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept the resignations of Phyllis Medina, Kindra Mendall, Larry Ratto, Samuel Fuenzalida, and Mark Smetana from the Keep Hayward Clean and Green Task Force.

BACKGROUND

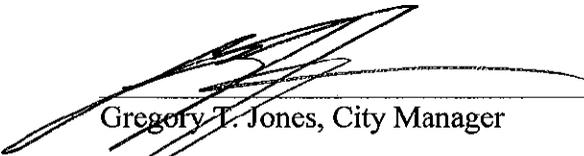
Ms. Medina submitted her resignation January 24, 2008 and Ms. Mendall submitted her resignation January 26, 2008. Mr. Ratto, Mr. Fuenzalida and Mr. Smetana have each missed more than three consecutive meetings. Attached are two letters of resignation.

Recommended by:



Angelina Reyes, City Clerk

Approved by:



Gregory T. Jones, City Manager

Attachments: Letters of Resignation
Draft Resolution

January 26, 2008

Mayor Michael Sweeney
Councilmember Bill Ward
Councilmember Olden Henson
Councilmember Kevin Dowling
Councilmember Barbara Halliday
Councilmember Bill Quirk
Councilmember Doris Rodriguez

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Re: Resignation from KHCG Task Force

Dear Mayor and Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Keep Hayward Clean and Green Task Force. It has been a sometimes frustrating experience trying to lead such a large group of volunteers in the very difficult task of cleaning and greening Hayward, but I have also enjoyed seeing our successes as we try to effect long-term change in our City.

At our recent meeting Mr. White mentioned that the structure of an organization does not guarantee success. He is right of course, but I do believe that a good structure is important to fostering success. During my year on the Task Force, I have twice put forth structure proposals (in March 2007, and just recently), neither of which were adopted. That is fine, of course, as I am but 1 member of 30. However, as chairperson I have listened to the frustrations and complaints of Task Force members – frustrations that have caused 20 members to resign – and I have serious concerns about whether the adopted structure can respond to those issues. I sincerely hope that I am wrong!

The Task Force needs a chair that has the time, energy, and excitement to lead this group of people with diverse ideas on how to clean and green Hayward. The recent change in structure has made the chairperson's job substantially harder. I have dedicated 30-40 hours per month to the Task Force to coordinate and attend meetings, serve as a point person for Task Force members, Council, and staff, participate in clean up events, conduct neighborhood outreach, and represent the Task Force at various functions. The new structure, rather than spreading the load more evenly, will require even more of the chairperson and, I must confess, I just do not have it in me. Therefore, it is time for me to step down as chairperson, and resign from the Task Force.

I wish the remaining Task Force members well. They are a group of dedicated workers who are striving to clean and green Hayward. The task before them is substantial, but I know that Hayward will be better for their efforts. I wish them all the best.

Sincerely,



Kindra Mendall

cc: Fran David, Asst. City Manager
KHCG Task Force

To: Al & Kindra Mendall
Cc: John White ; Rich LaPlante
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2008 12:36 PM
Subject: KHCG

Kendra, John and Rich:

I sincerely regret that I must tender my resignation from the Keep Hayward Clean and Green task force.

It's a combination of many things--work and home--that prevents me from attending the mandatory meetings. It is my hope that I will still be able to attend some of the clean up events in the future. I will certainly keep an eye on the web site for future dates.

I have certainly met some wonderful people and am proud of the work we have accomplished to date.

Thanks for your understanding,

Phyllis Medina

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HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 08-

Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATIONS OF NINE MEMBERS FROM THE KEEP HAYWARD CLEAN AND GREEN TASK FORCE AND RELATED ACTIONS

WHEREAS, The Keep Hayward Clean and Green Task Force (“KHC&G Task Force”) was established by motion in November 2006 and 30 members were recruited; and

WHEREAS, the following five members have submitted written and/or verbal resignations:

Phyllis Medina
Kindra Mendall
Larry Ratto
Samuel Fuenzalida
Mark Smetana

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hayward that the Council hereby accepts the resignations of the five above-named members of The Keep Hayward Clean and Green Task Force and commends the members for their civic service to the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hayward that the length of the term of appointment to the KHC&G Task Force is four years, with the current members’ terms to end in 2011 and that staff is directed to begin recruiting to fill the vacancies on the KHC&G Task Force immediately and maintain an eligibility list, if possible, to fill future vacancies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Hayward that the KHC&G Task Force members shall file conflict of interest statements in the form prescribed by the Fair Political Practices Commission and include thereon the information that would be required if the task force member and filer were a planning commissioner.

