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TO: Sabrina B. Landreth
City Administrator

FROM: Sara Bedford
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SUBJECT: Oakland Youth Advisory Commission
2018-2019 Annual Report

DATE: October 29, 2019

City Administrator Approval

Date:

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RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That The City Council Receive The Annual Report Of The Oakland Youth Advisory Commission For Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Oakland Youth Advisory Commission Annual Report is an informational report and update from the Human Services Department on the status of the Commission for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 and the activities of the Commission in the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Members of the newly appointed Oakland Youth Advisory Commission (OYAC) will provide an oral update to the Life Enrichment Committee.

The OYAC members began the new fiscal year with an initial meeting on September 26, 2019. The City Council confirmed the Mayoral appointments to the Commission for FY 2019-2020 on November 19, 2019. The new Commission includes two continuing members and 14 new Commissioners.

During the months of October and November 2019, the Commission engaged in an orientation and presentations from multiple City staff. Trainings were provided by the part-time interim coordinator and the non-profit organization Youth Leadership Institute on leadership styles, facilitation, presentation, conducting Commission business and understanding City government. Additional meetings with City departments and community-based organizations to learn more about key City initiatives and the strengths, gaps and challenges of youth focused programming in the city are anticipated. Dedicated staff is expected to return from leave in December 2019 to support the development of OYAC policy recommendations during the second half of the fiscal year.

In FY 2018-2019, the Commission worked on several initiatives that may be pursued in FY 2019-2020. These include an inclusive voting initiative for Oakland to address youth voting in local school elections, a climate action resolution to call upon members of the United States Congress to take swift action and to pass commonsense climate policies to restore the climate, and a City youth homelessness policy. The OYAC also voiced concerns to the Oakland Unified

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School District regarding school closures and provided input on the Oakland Downtown Specific Plan.

The Youth Commission is working to identify pertinent issues that are affecting Oakland youth and will identify priority areas of focus in the upcoming months. The Commission encourages the City Council to refer policy issues relevant to youth to the Commission for consideration and input and is committed to deepening the partnership between youth and City leaders.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff recommends that the City Council receive the Annual Report of the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Carina Lieu, Youth Leadership Development Coordinator, Children and Youth Services Division, at 238-3245.

Respectfully submitted,



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