

City, university help each other

MONICA PACHECO ("By whatever name, university will continue to benefit Hayward," Dec. 21) has given us a long list of the benefits Cal State Hayward has brought to the city and surrounding region, and I certainly agree. CSUH has brought jobs, education, sports, culture and, most of all, hope for the future to many local residents in its 40-plus years of existence.

However, Ms. Pacheco reminds us of this list as a way to support the name change proposed by President Norma Rees. Ironically, all of these positives were achieved under the name Cal State Hayward. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Why then should we bother to change to Cal State East Bay?

Ms. Pacheco also is identified by the Review as president of the Cal State Alumni Association. While I applaud her leadership role, I hope no one takes this to mean that she speaks for all alumni in this matter. My wife and I are both alumni, as is one of our sons, and as longtime Hayward residents we oppose the name change.

Yes, Cal State's presence has benefited Hayward, but conversely, Hayward has provided a good home to Cal State. Cal State should respect that fact by keeping the name "Hayward" to honor this long-standing support.

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