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Wellness Festival planned for 2nd annual Hayward Juneteenth Celebration

HAYWARD, Calif., June 11, 2022—Trap yoga, dance work out and twerk-out sessions will headline a second annual Hayward Juneteenth Celebration that will take the form of a participatory Wellness Festival at Hayward Heritage Plaza from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 18.

Produced by the Hayward Chamber of Commerce Black Business Roundtable in partnership with Hayward Farmers Market, the Juneteenth Wellness Festival will be hosted by CBS “Survivor” Season 4 winner Vecepia Robinson, and is free to the public thanks to the sponsorship of East Bay Community Energy, Subaru One dealership of Hayward and other community leaders and organizations.

The event will also feature a Kid Zone which will host a variety of activities including rock-climbing instruction on a climbing wall provided by Hayward Area Recreation and Park District, arts and crafts, and Hayward Public Library’s bookmobile Curbie will open its doors to its rolling collection of books and other materials.

In addition, there will be health, housing, employment and career resources, as well as vendors for food, crafts and more. .

Heritage Plaza located at 835 C Street, across from the downtown branch of Hayward Public Library, 888 C Street, is a new city park intended to be a place of respite, to gather, and to mark and celebrate the cultural history of Hayward and surrounding Eden area of Alameda County.

The Hayward Juneteenth Celebration, founded by Hayward Councilmember Angela Andrews and Diann Castleberry, AC Transit's External Affairs Representative, along with 2022 committee

members Lauren Jennings and Landis Graden, The Best Me, Hayward Councilmember Elisa Márquez, Treasures Unleashed Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA) Hayward/South County, and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Hayward/South Alameda County, is an opportunity to celebrate, connect with and support the history and ongoing struggle for freedom, equity and equality for people of African descent here in Hayward, throughout California and across the country.