



CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

CATHY RODRIGUEZ

From your perspective, what happened to Russell City, why do you think it happened, and how did it affect your family?

According to sources including the City of Hayward's website, Russell City was named in 1853 after Joel Russell, a New England teacher who came to California during the Gold Rush.[2][3] Some sources say the area was named after Frederick James Russell, who laid out the town in 1907.[4] Russell City was an arrival point for immigrants to the San Francisco Bay Area, initially inhabited primarily by Danish immigrants. By World War II, it was home to many African Americans and to many Latinos from Mexico and Puerto Rico, Ernesto Nava, son of the Mexican revolutionary leader Pancho Villa, lived in Russell City and was one of the last residents to leave.

What is your connection to the Russell City Community?

I have a family who owned homes in Russell City. Who had to sell their homes due to the industrial industry taking over Russell City. I used to live with my grandparents on a farm in Russell City.

What is your background? What meaningful value or expertise can you bring to the committee?

My Name is Cathy Rodriguez, I have lived in the community of Hayward for 59 years. My background is as a community leader in Victory Outreach and Hayward. I served on the housing commission as a commissioner for Alameda County for 3 years. I worked for Alameda County Probation Dept for 4 years as a gang intervention coordinator, juvenile counselor, and corrections officer. I now work for Santa Clara Probation dept as a juvenile and adult counselor and corrections officer, quality assurance officer, and legal law clerk. I am an advocate and CEO of Probation Support Network; I advocate for Justice for all and for abused elderly who are taken advantage of in the probate courts by Public Officials. Watch the movie "I Care a Lot" on Netflix it will give you an idea of what is happening to the elderly in Alameda County.

Do you have any additional or unique qualifications you would like to share? If so, please list them below.

Respondent skipped this question



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Tell us about your experience working in a team or community-based process.

I have worked with the housing commission and 3 years. My duties included The HACA Housing Commission is responsible for policy direction for an array of functions including HUD program administration, reporting and contracting; procurement and contracting for services and supplies, including construction, acquisition, and renovation of HACA-owned housing units; personnel functions, including negotiations with the union representing non-management employees; HUD program operational issues; budget approval; and audit approval.

I have also work as a quality system within the Probation Department. A "Quality System" is your organization's blueprint: it identifies your business model and processes, provides details about how your people will work together to get things done, and establishes specifications for performance — so you can tell if you are on track or not. Quality Assurance Duties and Responsibilities, Documenting and reporting product or service quality levels, Developing and implementing standards for inspection, Developing a workflow for product inspection, Developing plans to help a company manage waste, Communicating with other team members to solve problems, Providing management and control of the quality assurance processes, Maintaining the quality of products and program systems, Ensuring all processes are controlled and monitored, Processing quality audits and quality assurance reviews, Documenting new and existing processes.

What is your purpose for being here? As a member of the committee, what do you want to achieve? At the end of the day, what would you want to see happen and what are you willing to do to get us there?

I lived in Russell City with my grandparents and remember the stories of how Russell City was once a great city.

I expect to achieve closures and justice for families who lost their homes due to abuse of power, racial discrimination, harassment, victimization, civil rights violation, and exploitation of people of color.

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I would like to see families receives justice for the trauma they endured through this tragic trauma. I would like to see that each family receive justice for there families who lost their home due to discrimination of economic inequality. I would like to see that families are survey to see the injustice that was served to our people by government official. We need to analyze the damages to displacement of families of Russell City and their families. Families should be recognized for their courage to stand against the discrimination and then to determine monetary compensation for each family.

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