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Hayward recognized for response to concerns over changing federal immigration policies

Local Government Hispanic Network's Civic Engagement Award goes to city for work of Community Task Force appointed to update 1992 Anti-Discrimination Plan

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Oct. 25, 2017—The Local Government Hispanic Network, a leading support organization for Hispanic local government professionals, announced the City of Hayward is the recipient of a 2017 Civic Engagement Award for its response to local concerns over changing federal immigration policies.

Specifically, the award recognizes the appointment of a Community Task Force to review the city's 1992 Anti-Discrimination Plan and the outreach efforts the Task Force undertook as Hayward grappled with local impacts of anticipated and announced changes in federal immigration policy and immigration law enforcement.

The Local Government Hispanic Network (LGHN) announced the award—for cities with populations of greater than 100,000—at an annual dinner held on the opening night of the 2017 International City/County Management Association conference, which is taking place Oct. 22-25 in San Antonio, Texas.

Hayward City Council adoption of the updated anti-discrimination plan is scheduled for Nov. 28.

Earlier this year, the City Council accepted a recommendation of the Community Task Force and voted June 6 to declare Hayward a Sanctuary City, reaffirming the city's commitment to equal treatment of residents regardless of immigration status and further formalizing municipal policies against use of city personnel and resources to enforce federal immigration laws.

Formerly called the International Hispanic Network, LGHN provides professional services and support to Hispanic local government professionals, and through them to the broader Hispanic community.