

ORDINANCE NO. 4356

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, DELETING DIVISION 5 (“YOUTH COMMISSION”), FROM ARTICLE V (“BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS”), OF CHAPTER 2 (“ADMINISTRATION”), TO SUNSET THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE EXPANDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH ON THE MEASURE Y CHILDREN AND YOUTH FUND ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD, A 15-MEMBER BOARD OF WHICH EIGHT MEMBERS MUST BE BETWEEN 15 AND 24 YEARS OLD

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Recitals.

A. The City of Pomona has established a Youth Commission as an advisory body to the Pomona City Council.

B. The Commission is dedicated to giving a voice to youth and encouraging their participation in local government.

C. The Commission is currently comprised of seven members. In past years, the City has cancelled Youth Commission meetings due to insufficient attendance to establish a quorum. In June 2025, five Youth Commissioners will graduate from high school, leaving five vacancies on the Commission.

D. As the new Accountability Board for Measure Y - Children and Youth Fund mandates that at least eight members of the 15-member board be between the ages of 15 and 24, the City Council would like to sunset the Youth Commission to provide expanded opportunities for youth on the Accountability Board.. As structured, the Youth Commission has struggled to fill vacancies and maintain meeting attendance due to school and extracurricular commitments and frequent turnover resulting from short-term service appointments. The heavy youth involvement prescribed within Measure Y implementation requirements will provide civically engaged youth with the opportunity to participate meaningfully in this body and allow for extended engagement due to the expansion of age qualifications within the Measure Y structure. Additionally, the City will establish a separate youth program to mentor and engage young people in government without the formal restrictions of a commission.

E. In light of the foregoing recitals, the City Council finds that sunsetting the Youth Commission to provide expanded opportunities for youth on the Measure Y Accountability Board will enhance efficiency, facilitate meaningful youth participation, and ensure the effective implementation of Measure Y.

SECTION 2. That the Pomona City Code, Division 5 of Article V of Chapter 2, is hereby deleted in its entirety.

SECTION 3. CEQA. The City Council, on the basis of the whole record and exercising independent judgment, finds that this Ordinance is not subject to environmental review pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the State Guidelines for Implementations of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) pertain to

activities that will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change to the environment and that are not defined as a project under Section 15378.

SECTION 4. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions may be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall attest to the passage and adoption of this ordinance, causing it to be posted as required by law, and it shall become effective thirty (30) days after its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of May, 2025

CITY OF POMONA

Tim Sandoval
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Sonia Carvalho
City Attorney

Rosalia A. Butler, MMC
City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF POMONA)

ATTACHMENT NO. 1

I, ROSALIA A. BUTLER, MMC, CITY CLERK of the City of Pomona do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pomona held on April 21, 2025, and was adopted at second reading at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pomona held on May 5, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Rosalia A. Butler, MMC
City Clerk