

# CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

May 5, 2025

	SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 4356 SUNSETTING THE YOUTH COMMISSION TO PROVIDE EXPANDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH ON THE MEASURE Y ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD
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To:	Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council take the following action:

1) Adopt Ordinance No. 4356 (Attachment No. 1):

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

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Adoption of the Ordinance to sunset the existing Youth Commission will provide expanded opportunities for youth on the Measure Y Accountability Board, a 15-member board of which eight must be between 15 and 24 years old.

### SB1439/GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLICABILITY:

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### FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund or the Children and Youth Fund related to this action.

#### **PREVIOUS RELATED ACTIONS:**

On April 21, 2025, the City Council held a Public Hearing, introduced, and gave first reading (Attachment No. 2) of Ordinance No. 4356.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

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. As structured, the Youth Commission has experienced difficulties filling vacancies and meeting Commission attendance requirements due to competing commitments with school, volunteer, and other extracurricular activities, and experiences of frequent turnover due to the limited service period. Heavy youth involvement prescribed within Measure Y implementation requirements will allow civically engaged youth to meaningfully participate in this body and allow for extended engagement due to the expansion of age qualifications within the Measure Y structure.

Ordinance No. 4356 would delete 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 15member board of which eight members must be between 15 and 24 years old. Additionally, the City will implement a Youth in Government group to mentor and engage the City's youth in governmental processes and structure without the requirements and restrictions associated with a formal commission. This is thought to be a better way to involve youth and create a less formal environment, requiring the posting of agendas and regular meeting dates. Staff believes that sunsetting the Youth Commission will not only expand opportunities for youth on the Measure Y Accountability Board but it will also increase efficiency, provide for meaningful youth participation, and ensure the implementation of Measure Y.

The ordinance will take effect 30 days after its adoption on June 5, 2025.

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment No. 1: Ordinance No. 4356 Attachment No. 2: City Council Staff Report Dated April 21, 2025