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HARD BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTS NEW LEADERSHIP FOR 2019

The Hayward Area Recreation and Park District Board of Directors welcomes a new Board President

HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA, January 3, 2018 - The HARD Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Mr. Rick J. Hatcher **was elected by the Board as the new Board President for 2019.**

"Growing up with HARD, I know it is one of our community's true gems. With the diverse breadth of programs, facilities and open space, I am truly honored to serve as Board President. The upcoming year will bring new transformative parks, and upgrades to parks and facilities due the passing of the Measure F1 Bond. Thanks to the support of residents, we can energize HARD to deliver deserved amenities to our communities. We will be 75 years young as a District in 2019. I look forward to our year-long celebration of that milestone."

Mr. Hatcher has been a Board Member with HARD since 2015. The past few years have *been very exciting*, with the construction of several major capital projects, and the successful passage of the \$250 million-dollar Measure F1 Parks Bond. The goals of Measure F1 are to improve, renovate and expand parks and recreation facilities within the District's boundaries of Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, Fairview, Hayward, and San Lorenzo.



2019 Board President, Rick J. Hatcher

At its December 10, 2018, meeting, the HARD Board of Directors also elected Director Paul Hodges, Jr as Board Vice-President, and Director Minane Jameson as Board Secretary. They are joined on the HARD five-person Board by Director Louis M. Andrade and Director Carol Pereria.

About HARD

The Hayward Recreation and Park District (HARD) is a Special District, established in 1944 at the request of residents of the Greater Hayward area to provide parks and recreation programs, events and facilities. HARD serves over 100 square-miles of the Greater Hayward area serving 300,000 residents. Visit www.HaywardRec.org

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