

Russell City Reparative
Justice Project
(RCRJP)

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AB 3121 Taskforce Meeting



## About the RCRJP

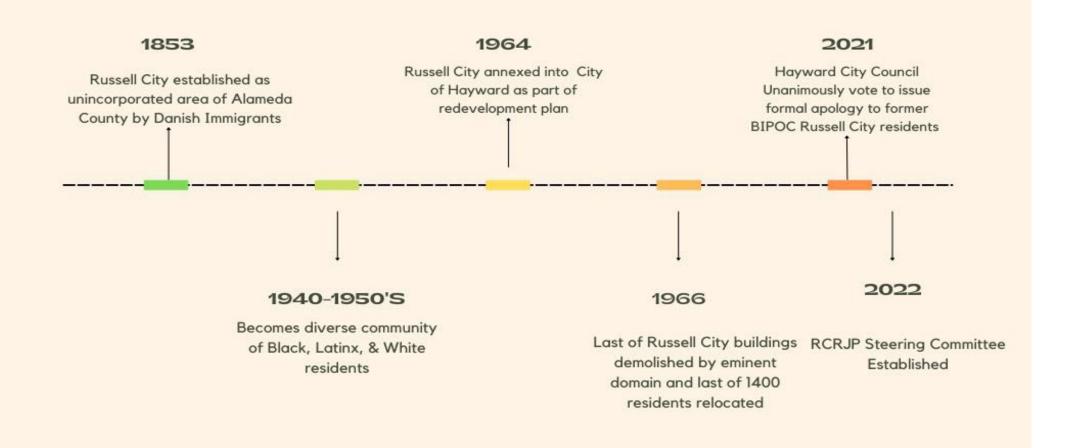
The City of Hayward is working with former Russell City residents and their descendants to explore restitution in response to the forced relocation of Russell City residents from their homes and businesses.

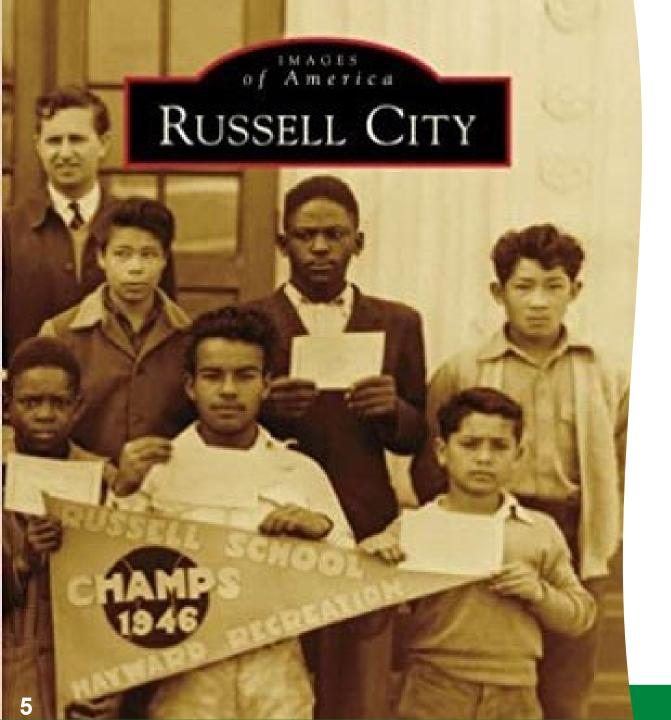
## **About Russell City**

- Established in 1853 as an unincorporated area of Alameda County.
- 2. After WWII, influx of African-American and Latinx farmers move to Russell City driven by local housing discrimination.
- 3. During the 1950's, Hayward leaders considered area "blighted" and sought to purchase the land to build an industrial park.
- 4. By 1963, Hayward joined Alameda County in the forced relocation of Russell City residents, bulldozed the entire community, and rezoned the land for industrial use.



#### HISTORY AT A GLANCE





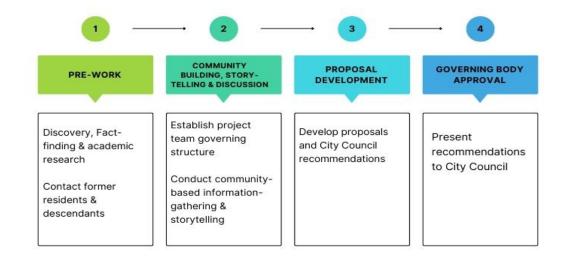
## Framework

- Reparative Justice
- Multicultural lens

# Current Status & Next Steps



#### **Project Phases**



## **Developing the Governance Structure**

#### **Steering Committee Purpose**

Serve as representatives of the Russell City Community in communications between the City of Hayward and the larger Russell City community.

Make decisions for the Russell City Community.

Maintain communications of any developments and decisions to the Russell City Community.

#### **Steering Committee Selection Process**



# of nomination survey responses resulting in the nomination of 38 residents/descendants.



# of voters who selected 11 core steering committee members and 2 alternates.



### Current Status/Next Steps (Cont'd)

## **Eight Month Fact-Finding Research Focused on:**

- Resident Identification
- Execution of Resident Relocation Plan
- Resident Compensation
- Relocation Impacts

#### **Academic Researchers**



Dr. George Bargainer











## Challenges and Opportunities







## Questions

