



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** February 27, 2008

**TO:** Park and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJECT:** Recognition of Participants in the Youth Art Alliance

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission recognize the Youth Art Alliance Volunteers for providing youth intervention activities at the Franklin Neighborhood Center.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The Youth Art Alliance Program is a program providing low-income and/or high risk youth between the ages of 14 -19 with ongoing adult mentorship and year-round skill building activities centered on the creative arts that are educational, vocational, and just plain fun. For the past six months, these activities have mainly taken place with volunteer services at the Franklin Neighborhood Center as a result of the increase of youth congregating in the vicinity of E. Montecito and Elizabeth Streets.

Current activities and future goals involve the development of entrepreneurship educational activities that will incorporate community service participation including:

- Development of a professional Youth Art Magazine
- Development of an urban/street style line of clothing using relevant designs
- Production of monthly/yearly Youth Art Exhibits
- Creation of a web based art gallery for youth
- Mural Restoration and/or graffiti clean-up/removal

The volunteer individuals listed in the attachment are being recognized for assisting Community Services staff in implementing and making a success of the Youth Art Alliance.

**ATTACHMENT:** Youth Art Alliance Volunteer list

**PREPARED BY:** Antonio Velasquez, Community Services Supervisor

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**APPROVED BY:** Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director