



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 24th, 2009

TO: Park and Recreation Commission

FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Recognition of Healthy Start Director Theresa Weissglass

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission recognize Theresa Weissglass, Santa Barbara School Districts' Healthy Start and Afterschool Opportunities for Kids (A-OK) Director, for 10 years of service as an exemplary leader and supporter of the City of Santa Barbara's collaborative to provide the A-OK program.

DISCUSSION

After 10 years serving as Director of the A-OK and Healthy Start Programs, Theresa is putting aside her collaborative efforts to pursue the next chapter of her life.

The City of Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Department Youth Activities section has worked closely with Theresa and District staff since 1999 developing afterschool programs for Title 1 elementary schools including; Adams, Cleveland, Franklin, Harding, and McKinley Elementary schools, and La Cumbre Junior High school. Through Theresa's leadership, clearly defined roles, program design, and high expectations, the A-OK program has served over 550 students each year, or over 5,500 students throughout her tenure.

A-OK serves first to sixth grade children of working parents who need affordable, supervised academic support and enrichment activities designed to support grade-level education standards. Under Theresa's direction, a clear vision was established including what and how they will learn. Theresa has been dedicated to the partnership with the City to provide hands on, student-centered activities that combine academic and recreational activities.

As the District lead, Theresa has dedicated a significant amount of effort to secure and maintain afterschool funding grants from the State of California to provide A-OK. These grants foster a student community with a strong sense of self worth and provide funding to support development of the tools to be successful in school and in life.

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It is with great gratitude that the Parks and Recreation Department recognizes Theresa Weissglass for the leadership and dedicated service in providing A-OK. We are and will be forever grateful.

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