



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** July 27, 2011

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

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

**SUBJECT:** Community Recognition of Mr. Gustavo Dabos, Owner of Santa Barbara Painting, Inc.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission recognize Mr. Gustavo Dabos, Owner of Santa Barbara Painting, Inc. for his support and financial contribution to the Santa Barbara Arts Alliances' recent Seascape Mural Project.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The Santa Barbara Arts Alliance Program is an art based mentoring program for underserved, low-income youth that provides leadership and life skills development opportunities through hands on community service projects. These projects include graffiti abatement, neighborhood clean-ups, as well as the creation and installation of murals in public spaces previously plagued by graffiti vandalism. In January of 2011, Mr. Dabos stepped forward with his financial contribution to assist the neighborhood with the elimination of an ongoing graffiti vandalism problem on a 200-foot span of freeway sound wall facing a recently renovated children's playground. The project took place between January - May of 2011 and involved 17 neighborhood youth participants under the Santa Barbara Arts Alliance Program. In addition to his financial contribution, Mr. Dabos and his crews, spent many hours demonstrating all the tools and techniques of commercial painting to our youth participants. The Seascape Mural Project has made a positive social and economic impact in the neighborhood by effectively eliminating graffiti vandalism and saving hundreds of dollars for City in costly repairs and had it not been for Mr. Dabos, the Seascape Mural Project would not have been possible.

It is with tremendous gratitude that the Parks and Recreation Department recognizes Mr. Gustavo Dabos, Owner of Santa Barbara Painting, Inc., for his support and financial contribution to the Santa Barbara Arts Alliances' Seascape Mural Project.

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