



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: October 24, 2012
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Administration Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Introduction of Youth Intern Kate Yee

RECOMMENDATION: That Commission receives an introduction of Parks and Recreation Commission Youth Intern Kate Yee.

DISCUSSION:

Kate Yee is a senior at Santa Barbara High School with a strong commitment to community and school involvement and a strong passion for academic study. Kate has shown her strong interest in community service through her involvement with the Santa Barbara Youth Council. In that role, Kate has led the coordination of several community youth events such as the Youth Council's Spring Youth Speak Out on environmental issues. She was also involved in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and the Milpas Association winter event. She was very attentive in receiving information on the Milpas Pedestrian Safety issue. Currently, serving as the new Treasurer for the Santa Barbara Youth Council, Miss Yee has as a goal to involve the Youth Council in fundraising efforts to help other youth, such as those with autism or learning disabilities.

In his letter of recommendation for Ms. Yee, Principal Becchio stated that Kate has always been enrolled in rigorous program of study and is a highly successful academic student. Mr. Becchio further stated that Kate is also "an excellent person outside of academics...being involved in school leadership and caring deeply about the culture and climate of the school." This is exhibited by Kate's other extracurricular activities such as being on the ASB for Santa Barbara High School, volunteer tutor for Santa Barbara Junior High, member of the Academy of Healing Arts (AHA), SBHS American Red Cross Club, Future Leaders of America, Link Crew, and member and manager of the Santa Barbara High School Marching and Jazz Band .

At the October 14, 2012 City Council meeting, Mayor Schneider appointed Kate Yee to serve as the Youth Intern on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

SUBMITTED BY: Sarah Hanna, Recreation Programs Manager

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