



## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

### PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** January 25, 2012

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission

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

**SUBJECT:** Recognition of Annie Marroquin, Youth Council Member and Youth Intern, Creeks Advisory Committee, for being selected as the 2012 Harriet Miller Youth Leader

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Commission recognize Annie Marroquin for outstanding community service in the Santa Barbara community and her recognition as the 2012 Harriet Miller Youth Leader.

**DISCUSSION:** The Downtown Organization in conjunction with the City's Neighborhood and Outreach Services section coordinates an annual scholarship in honor of former Mayor Harriet Miller. Each year, high school seniors submit applications, with letters of recommendation and an essay, to the Downtown Organization for the opportunity to be recognized as an outstanding youth leader with outstanding community service. Each of the applicants must demonstrate that community service is an important aspect of their lives and must also demonstrate that they are impacting their peers as community youth leaders.

This year, the Downtown Organization bestowed that honor on Annie Marroquin. Annie demonstrated that she is an outstanding youth leader, serving as the President in over three on-campus clubs; serving on her high school's Site Council and volunteering for over eight different community organizations, including serving as the Youth Intern for the Creeks Advisory Committee and as the Publicist for the Santa Barbara Youth Council. Annie exhibits this passion for community service while maintaining a 4.27 Grade Point Average.

Annie's recommender stated, "...Annie is one of the best, exceptionally academically talented Latina students I have had the pleasure of working with in my sixteen years as a school counselor. Annie is a truly mature individual with compassion for others and the environment, with humility beyond words." In Annie's own words, "I believe the most significant part about community service is its ability to bring a sense of unity and belonging to anyone involved."

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to recognize and congratulate Annie Marroquin for her tireless efforts for the community and for volunteering her time to the Creeks Advisory Committee and the Santa Barbara Youth Council.

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