



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2013

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Recognition of the Lompoc Youth Corps

RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission recognize the Lompoc Youth Corps for their outstanding service at the No Kid Hungry event.

DISCUSSION:

On May 30th, at McKinley Elementary School, the City of Santa Barbara partnered with the national non-profit Share our Strength No Kid Hungry, Santa Barbara Unified School District, Foodbank of Santa Barbara County, and the Community Action Commission (CAC) to host a publicity and public event to launch the Food4Kids free summer meals program. The event included free healthy food, non-profit service provider display tables with tents, and youth bands performing before approximately 300 people in attendance.

Though the event itself only lasted two hours, to move all the equipment in, set it up and take it down in a short amount of time, was logistically very labor intensive. Organizing partners for the event were saved by the CAC, who volunteered the Lompoc Youth Corps to perform this service, and perform they did!

The CAC staff and Youth Corps' young adults assisted the sound engineer with configuring the stage equipment, setting up tents, tables and chairs, and assisting with the breakdown. Though the school's black top location was hot and there was little shade, the crew remained disciplined and focused on their duties. Staff from all agencies were totally impressed by the effort and support provided by the Youth Corps. These young adults were prepared and hard-working from start to finish.

As a side benefit, the crew was able to enjoy the festivities and came away from the event very tired but also enlightened by our community's effort to ensure all kids have a healthy meal this summer and beyond.

With gratitude, the Parks and Recreation Department recognizes these individuals and the CAC for their services and assistance with making the event a huge success.

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