



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 23, 2018
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Community Recognition of Debi Badger

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission recognize Debi Badger for her leadership, compassion, and dedication to providing enriching after school program opportunities for students in the Santa Barbara Unified School District (SBUSD).

DISCUSSION:

For the past 20 years, Debi Badger played an integral role in providing enriching after school programs for students in Santa Barbara. As the After School/Expanded Learning Program Director for SBUSD, Debi oversees both the year-round and ASES (After School Education and Safety) programs for children in transitional kindergarten through eighth grades. Supporting over 1000 students annually, these programs provide a safe, engaging, and educationally-sound environment that supplements and supports the regular school program.

Debi has worked tirelessly to ensure the after school programs she oversees are a model recognized throughout the State. She developed partnerships with other organizations to incorporate specialized activities and field trips into each program including working with the Recreation Division to provide staff and SPARK (Sports, Play and Active Recreation for Kids) curricula at six of the after school program sites. She is an outspoken advocate for the benefits of after school programming at both the State and local levels. Her leadership, innovation, and dedication to operating exceptional after school programs has had a tremendous impact on the Santa Barbara community. The Department appreciates the strong partnership Debi fostered with the Recreation Division and is grateful for the twenty plus years she dedicated to providing enriching opportunities for youth in Santa Barbara.

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