



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT**

**AGENDA DATE:** January 23, 2019  
**TO:** Parks and Recreation Commission  
**FROM:** Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department  
**SUBJECT:** Neighborhood and Outreach Services Program Review

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Commission receive a report on the Parks and Recreation Department Neighborhood and Outreach Services Section Programs and Services.

**DISCUSSION:**

The mission of the Neighborhood and Outreach Services Section (NOS) of the Recreation Division is to provide educational, cultural, nutrition and recreational programs and services through neighborhood outreach, program activities, and collaborations with other non-profit agencies. The primary goals for the Section are to help strengthen families, improve the quality of life for children, youth, teens, and seniors, and to create stronger sustainable and healthy communities. Staff is housed at both the Franklin and Westside Neighborhood Centers.

Neighborhood Centers – Facility Leases and Community Rentals

The Neighborhood and Outreach Services Section oversees the coordination and supervision of facility leases and rentals of the City's neighborhood centers. Non-profit agencies leasing space at the Westside Neighborhood Center, Franklin Neighborhood Center, Twelve35 Teen Center, and Haley Street Youth Center, help provide the community with necessary services for residents and families. This includes public health services, independent living services for those with disabilities, legal education services and programmatic services for youth and teens. Additionally, the centers are available for neighborhood families to rent for social gatherings such as baptismal celebrations, weddings, Quinceañeras, and more. The facilities also provide space for meetings and other activities to local non-profit agencies.

Neighborhood Services

The Neighborhood and Outreach Services Section coordinates and oversees neighborhood services such as the Community Garden Program, Food Distribution

Program, and Senior Lunch program for individuals and families. The City has three community gardens: Pilgrim Terrace, Yanonali, and Rancheria that produce healthy food for their individual family use. The three gardens have a total of 180 garden plots, with 90% of them currently rented. In addition, the Neighborhood and Outreach Services section staff coordinates 11 food distribution activities each month in three areas of the city, helping ensure families receive healthy fruits and vegetables. Staff is also responsible for the coordination of two senior lunch sites held at the Louise Lowry Davis Center and the Franklin Neighborhood Center.

### Neighborhood Youth Services

The Neighborhood and Outreach Services Section oversees several youth and teen programs, including staff oversight for the Santa Barbara Youth Council, staff coordination and supervision of the Franklin Youth Drop-in Center, the Arts Alliance Program, and the Youth Employment Program. Each of these programs serves a variety of needs to various youth and teens, including youth leaders, and youth who are often targets for at-risk behavior. In 2018, we registered approximately 700 youth in our different programs.

### Collaborations

To further enhance programs, the Neighborhood and Outreach Services Section collaborates with several non-profit agencies and works closely with other boards and committees. Staff members participate on several committees, including the South Coast Task Force for Youth Safety, CEASE (Coalition Engaged in a Smoke-Free Effort), Santa Barbara Teen Coalition, and Assemblymember Monique Limon's Advisory Committee on Education.

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