



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: November 20, 2019

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Recognition of Mission City Church of Santa Barbara

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission recognize Mission City Church of Santa Barbara for its commitment to and support of Adapted Recreation Program dances, EGGstravaganza, and the Recreation Afterschool Program (RAP).

DISCUSSION:

Mission City Church is new to the Santa Barbara community. In its first year, the Church made a positive impact on Parks and Recreation programs by providing volunteers at all three annual Adapted Recreation Program dances (Halloween, Valentine's Day, and Spring Fling), which are open to participants of all ages and abilities. Mission City Church members eagerly jumped in to assist staff with event setup, transforming the Carrillo Street Gym and Westside Neighborhood Center into a fun and welcoming dance club experience. Mission City Church also provided a team of volunteers to help with the annual EGGstravaganza event at Chase Palm Park, which brings together hundreds of children and families to celebrate spring while hunting for chocolate-filled eggs.

Mission City Church believes strongly in giving back to the community through the Parks and Recreation Department. From a \$350 donation that helped cover DJ services at Adapted Recreation Program dances, to a \$400 gift funding arts and crafts materials, board games, and scholar hour supplies for the Recreation After-school Program (RAP) at four elementary schools, the Church is truly making a difference in the community and for the individuals and children these programs serve.

The Department appreciates Mission City Church's support and dedication in partnering with Adapted Recreation Programs and the Youth Activities Section to provide enriching opportunities for individuals of *all* abilities.

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