



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

AGENDA DATE: Wednesday, November 20, 2019
TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: Recognition of Chris Benedict, DJ of Ability

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission recognize Chris Benedict, DJ of Ability, for his dedication and unwavering support of Adapted Recreation Program dances serving hundreds of participants of all ages and abilities.

DISCUSSION:

Chris Benedict is a Santa Barbara resident with cerebral palsy working independently as a DJ in the City. An amazing man filled with great determination, courage, passion, and vision, Chris does not let anything stop him. He strives to make a difference in the world and in the lives of others as a DJ, public speaker, disability advocate, and more.

Chris' love for the profession began when his 9th grade teacher asked him to DJ a class dance party. Now, after 20 years of providing DJ services, Chris is a staple in the Santa Barbara community. For the past four years, Chris has helped hundreds of Adapted Recreation participants groove to his tunes, serving as DJ for all Adapted Recreation annual dances: Valentine's Day, Spring Fling, and Halloween. When program funding was limited, Chris provided his services at a reduced rate to ensure the show would go on.

The Department appreciates Chris' partnership and his unwavering support of Adapted Recreation Program mission to provide enriching opportunities for individuals of *all* abilities.

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