



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: October 29, 2013

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Interview And Appointment Of Youth Intern Applicant To The Parks And Recreation Commission

RECOMMENDATION: That Council:

- A. Interview applicant Andrew Rodriguez for the position of Youth Intern to the Parks and Recreation Commission; and
- B. Request that Mayor Schneider appoint Andrew Rodriguez to the position of Youth Intern to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

DISCUSSION:

On February 7, 1995, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 95-025 that established a Youth Intern Program for Charter Boards and Commissions. The Resolution was established to expand the opportunities for City youth residents to participate in the City's governmental and advisory role process. On June 6, 2000, Council adopted Resolution 00-044 rescinding Resolution No. 95-025, extending the Youth Intern Program to high school student volunteers who reside within the City limits.

Youth Interns learn first-hand how public decisions are made and how City departments function in providing public services, while providing high school community service that may qualify for academic credit.

Andrew Rodriguez

Andrew Rodriguez, a junior at San Marcos High School, is described as an exceptional student with natural leadership skills. Andrew is very driven and involved in several activities, including baseball, MESA Club, Coalition of Youth Advocates (COYA), AVID student, and a board member for the Youth Making Changes. His recommender stated that of all his extracurricular activity, Andrew has been most impressive with the AVID program, which is designed to close the achievement gap between all students on a college path. Andrew prides himself on being organized and maintaining a good schedule. He enjoys fundraising, no doubt his huge interest in being a part of Youth Making Changes, which teaches teens to review grant requests and award funding to other teens. One of his most recent community commitments is his appointment on the

YOUTH INTERN APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO CITY ADVISORY GROUP

Parks & Recreation Department
TEEN PROGRAMS DIVISION
P. O. Box 1990
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
(805) 897-2650

Name: Andrew Rodriguez Grade: 11 Age: 16

Residence: 4032 Via Lucero City: Santa Barbara Zip: 93110

Email Address: rodriguez.andrew101@gmail.com High School: San Marcos

Parent/Guardian: Rachel De Luna Phone Number: 805-252-7654

Emergency Contact: Leah Rodriguez Phone Number: 805-252-7664

High School: San Marcos Recommender: Sergio Castellanos

I. Advisory Body/Commission Applied for (list them in order of preference)

1. Parks & Rec
- 2.
- 3.

Are you able to provide the two-hour commitment per month? Yes No

II. Are you active in any clubs on campus? Yes No If yes, please list:

Mesa, Royal University.

III. Extracurricular activities (On & Off Campus)

ymc, coya

IV. Reasons you believe you should be appointed to this group (Please use separate page.)

Recommender's Signature [Signature]

Date: 9/14/13

I have read Resolution No. _____ of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara and if appointed, will follow it in the conduct of my duties.

Applicant's Signature Andrew Rodriguez Date: _____

Date Received:

Date distributed to Mayor /Council offices:

Dates Interviewed:

If appointed: Date:

Term Expires:

I believe I should be appointed to this advisory group because I am a mature self motivated individual who is interested in all things pertaining to Parks and Recreation. But I mainly hope to promote the youths interest in Parks and Recreation, and relay their perspective.

Its not just adults who use parks, beaches, and side-walks, youth play a big part in them too. I hope I can bring in a lot of my peers perspectives and apply them to the Parks and Rec commission, to overall make Santa Barbara a better place to live in for adults and teens/youth.



SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF ROYALS

ATTACHMENT 2

CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL 1994 & 2005

Ed Behrens – Principal
Jennifer Foster – Assistant Principal
Dan Garske – Dean of Students
Roxanna Stern – Assistant Principal
Abe Jahadhmy – Athletic Director
Crystal Peterson – Head Counselor

October 4, 2013

Youth Intern Position through the City of Santa Barbara
Re: Andrew Rodriguez

Esteemed Selection Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Mr. Andrew Rodriguez as a candidate for selection for the Youth Intern Position through the City of Santa Barbara. As a counselor, I often work with many outstanding students. Andrew Rodriguez is most certainly one of the best students I have encountered in my career. I have known Andrew for almost three years as his Guidance Counselor and College Advisor and Baseball Coach.

Andrew is an exceptional student. Andrew is in good standing academically, he has no discipline problems and his attendance is excellent. Andrew has excellent promise for success in college. He carries a 3.92 academic G.P.A. in a rigorous course of study. Andrew is not merely interested in obtaining good grades; rather, he genuinely cares about learning through discovery. Andrew is a natural leader. He shows excellent leadership skills both in the classroom and in all of his activities.

Andrew is a bright, focused, hardworking, and determined student who is committed to excellence. Andrew is of the utmost character and personal integrity. Andrew is a friendly, warm, polite, caring, respectful, and driven individual who is well-liked and respected by his peers as well as his teachers. Throughout his high school career, Andrew has participated in several activities; however, his primary extracurricular activity has been AVID. Andrew has participated in his school's AVID program for three years with distinction. What impresses me the most about Andrew is that despite having faced several challenges in his life, he never complains; instead he maintains a positive attitude about life.

Andrew is an extremely dedicated and enthusiastic student, a proven scholar/athlete, but above all he is a caring and compassionate young man with a strong moral compass. There is no doubt in my mind that Andrew is exactly the type of student you are looking for.

Without hesitation, I enthusiastically endorse Andrew Rodriguez as a candidate for selection for the Youth Intern Position through the City of Santa Barbara.

If you need further information please do not hesitate to contact me at 805 967-4581, ext. 215 or email me at scastellanos@sbsdk12.org

Sincerely,

Sergio E. Castellanos, M.S.
Guidance Counselor