



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** October 16, 2012

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Interview applicant Kate Yee for the position of Youth Intern on the Parks and Recreation Commission; and
- B. Request that Mayor Schneider appoint Kate Yee to the position of Youth Intern on 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, and extending the Youth Intern Program to high school student volunteers who reside within the Santa Barbara High School District or attend other high schools within the City limits.

Youth interns learn first-hand how public decisions are made, and how City departments function in providing public services, while at the same time providing community service that may qualify for academic credit.

**Kate Yee**

Kate Yee is a senior at Santa Barbara High School with a strong commitment to community and school involvement and a penchant for academic study. Kate has shown her strong interest in community service through her involvement with the Santa Barbara Youth Council. In that role, Kate has led the coordination of several community youth events such as the Youth Council's Spring Youth Speak Out on environmental issues. She was also involved in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and the Milpas Association winter event. She was very attentive in receiving information on the Milpas

Pedestrian Safety issue. Currently, serving as the new Treasurer for the Santa Barbara Youth Council, Miss Yee has as a goal to involve the Youth Council in fundraising efforts to help other youth, such as those with autism or learning disabilities.

In his letter of recommendation for Ms. Yee, Principal Becchio stated that Kate has always been enrolled in rigorous program of study and is a highly successful academic student. Mr. Becchio further stated that Kate is also “an excellent person outside of academics...being involved in school leadership and caring deeply about the culture and climate of the school.” This is exhibited by Kate’s other extracurricular activities such as being on the ASB for Santa Barbara High School, volunteer tutor for Santa Barbara Junior High, member of the Academy of Healing Arts (AHA), SBHS American Red Cross Club, Future Leaders of America, Link Crew, and member and manager of the Santa Barbara High School Marching and Jazz Band .

The Parks and Recreation Commission has expressed its appreciation for the youth internship program, and staff is confident that Kate Yee would be an excellent Youth Intern to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** 1. Youth Intern Application  
2. Letter of Recommendation

**PREPARED BY:** Susan C. Young, Neighborhood and Outreach Services Supervisor

**SUBMITTED BY:** Nancy L. Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office

YOUTH INTERN APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO CITY ADVISORY GROUP

Parks & Recreation Department
TEEN PROGRAMS DIVISION
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Name: Katherine Yee Grade: 12th Age: 17
Residence: 611 Castillo St. City: Santa Barbara Zip: 93101
Email Address: kyeesbca95@gmail.com High School: Santa Barbara High
Parent/Guardian: Richard Yee Phone Number: 805-331-5347
Emergency Contact: Mary Yee Phone Number: 805-453-2317
High School: Santa Barbara High School Recommender: John Becchio

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

1. Parks & Recreation 2. 3.

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

II. Are you active in any clubs on campus? Yes [X] No [ ] If yes, please list: Link Crew, Red Cross, Dons 4 Change, Music Theory, Legislative

III. Extracurricular activities (On & Off Campus) Youth Council, Marching & Jazz Band, SBCC Concert Band, ASB Treasurer, Religious Education Teachers Assistant.

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

Recommender's Signature Date: 9/11/12

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 Katherine Yee Date: 9/11/12

Date Received: Date distributed to Mayor /Council offices:
Dates Interviewed:
If appointed: Date: Term Expires:

I believe that I should be appointed as a Youth Intern for the Parks and Recreation Commission because I want to be involved in my local City events. I love community involvement and I want all members of Santa Barbara to feel welcome to city parks. I am very passionate about breaking the class divide and want to work to come up with new ways to bring different people together. Also, as a member of the Santa Barbara Youth Council I want to keep both the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Youth Council up to date with coordinating events. I work well with adults and have the maturity to serve on the board. I would be honored to be appointed to the Commission so that I can do my part for Santa Barbara.

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9/11/12

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is John Becchio and I am the principal at Santa Barbara High School. I am writing this letter on behalf of Kate Yee who has been a student at Santa Barbara High for the last 3 years. I also was Kate's principal at Santa Barbara Junior High School. Kate has always been enrolled in most rigorous program of study and is one of the highest performing students in our school.

Kate is not only a highly successful academic student, but she is also an excellent person outside of academics. She has always been involved in school leadership and cares deeply about the culture and climate of the school. Kate is always well behaved and exhibits a high level of maturity.

I highly recommend that Kate be accepted as a member of the Parks and Recreation Board. I know she will serve in her role with fidelity. She is capable of any and all challenges that are put in front of her. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have. I can be reached at (805) 966-9101 x212.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John Becchio'.

John Becchio

Principal, Santa Barbara High School