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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: July 15, 2008
TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Recreation Division, Parks and Recreation Department
SUBJECT: City Of Santa Barbara 2008 Youth Leadership Award Recipient

RECOMMENDATION: That Council introduce the 2008 Santa Barbara Youth Leader.

DISCUSSION:

On June 2, 2008, the City of Santa Barbara held its 7th Annual Youth Leadership Awards Banquet. The event, hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department, recognized 56 youth in the community who were nominated by over 30 agencies for outstanding community service, academic achievement, or successfully overcoming an obstacle.

During the evening, Mayor Blum announced the 2008 Santa Barbara Youth Leader, Angelica Hernandez, Dos Pueblos High School graduating senior. Angelica is described as a "caring individual" with a "caring heart," "focused," "determined," "committed," and "persistent."

Angelica is involved with the Montana Yellowstone Expeditions education program, Just Communities, and Future Leaders of America and, coincidentally, she was nominated by all 3 agencies as an outstanding youth leader. In addition to these community service efforts, Angelica was Vice President of MESA, and a volunteer with United Way, Wilderness Youth Project, and the College of Creative Studies.

Angelica is committed to social justice and the impact of issues on her peers and her family. She balances her committed volunteer hours with family and educational responsibilities. She is described as "looking at the world as full of possibilities for everyone."

Angelica was also recognized by Southern California Gas Company. Tim Mahoney, District Manager, will present on behalf of the Gas Company, a cash award of \$500 to Angelica to assist in her college financial needs.

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