



I believe that I am qualified to be the next Parks and Recreation Intern because of my extensive involvement in the community. As historian of the Santa Barbara Youth Council, I have gained much knowledge on the workings of the city governmental system. I know how the meetings are run, how to be more involved, and what this position entails. Although I command a busy schedule, I am willing and eager to sit down and discuss the state of our parks and beaches for a few hours and do more. Through the Youth Council, I was transformed from an ignorant boy to an enthusiastic student of politics and government. Also, I have had many opportunities to explore the city and participate in many of its events such as Day of Caring, Y.E.S. Fair, and Teen Rights Speakout, just to name a few. I derive much pleasure from actively taking part in the city's activities. As president of the Coalition of Youth Advocates, an anti-tobacco coalition devoted to improving the health of the community, I have participated in beach and park cleanups. The beaches and parks of Santa Barbara are beautiful and I am committed to advising the Commission for their improvement.