



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** January 24, 2012

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

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

**SUBJECT:** Reappointment Of Youth Intern, Michael Yi, To Parks And Recreation Commission

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council reappoint youth intern Michael Yi 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 Santa Barbara High School District or attend other high schools within the City limits to learn firsthand 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. The resolution allows for the youth to serve two one-year terms.

Michael Yi, was interviewed and appointed in January 2011, and has been serving as the youth intern for the Parks and Recreation Commission for the past year.

### **Michael Yi**

Michael Yi is a senior at Dos Pueblos High School with a strong commitment to youth leadership and community service. Highly recommended by his advisor on the Coalition of Youth Advocates, Michael is described as "setting a pristine example for his peers; setting a standard of leadership, commitment, and encouragement" that others strive to emulate. Michael currently serves on the Executive Committee for the Santa Barbara Youth Council, holding the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair. Since his appointment as Youth Intern, he has continued to give back to the community with over 20 hours of monthly community service. In addition to interning on the Parks and Recreation

Commission, Michael is an intern in the Mayor's office for the City of Santa Barbara. He is a recent finalist for the National Merit's Scholarship and continues to advocate for teens through involvement with various non-profit organizations in the community.

The Parks and Recreation Commission has expressed its appreciation for the youth internship program and Michael has received good comments and commendation from both staff and Commissioners.

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