STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

Date: October 27, 2009

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Robert W. Greene, Parks, Recreation and Arts Department Director

Subject: **Appointment of 2009/2010 Lancaster Youth Commission**

Recommendation:
Staff recommends that Mayor Parris nominate and appoint: Andrew Sincuir, Amini Rodriguez, Jon Salazar, Brittanie Massey, Jaime Castrellon, Emily Clark, Shiniece Owens, and Maya Pocker for the 2009-2010 Lancaster Youth Commission and that the City Council ratify the nominations and appointments.

Fiscal Impact:
None.

Background:
The Lancaster Youth Commission was created by the City Council in January of 1992 to provide a forum for the young people of Lancaster to give input regarding the needs and concerns of the youth of this community. Youth Commissioners are nominated by the different high schools in the Lancaster area. These schools are: Antelope Valley, Eastside, Lancaster Baptist, Lancaster, Quartz Hill, Desert Christian, Bethel Christian, and Paraclete. The Commission currently meets once a month from the start of the school year until the end of May.

Each year the Commission develops a work plan that identifies projects that the Commission will work on for the year. The incoming commission will participate in several volunteer projects including the MLK Day of Service and Lookin' Good Lancaster. The Commission also plays a vital role in the coordination of the Youth in Government program. Commissioners assist with participant recruitment, pre-planning event details and directing fellow students during all the scheduled events.

This year's nominees and their respective high schools are:

1.	Andrew Sincuir	Antelope Valley High School
2.	Amini Rodriguez	Eastside High School
3.	Jon Salazar	Lancaster Baptist High School
4.	Brittanie Massey	Lancaster High School
5.	Jaime Castrellon	Quartz Hill High School
6.	Emily Clark	Desert Christian High School
7.	Shiniece Owens	Bethel Christian High School
8.	Maya Pocker	Paraclete High School

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