

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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Date: October 26, 2010
To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members
From: Bob Greene, Director, Parks, Recreation and Arts Department
Subject: **Appointment of 2010/2011 Lancaster Youth Commission**

Recommendation:

Nominate and appoint Brittany Lewis, Jonathan Kay, Cheyenne Eslick, Trent Kelly, Catherine Kern, Michael Yang and Samantha Gregory to the 2010-2011 Lancaster Youth Commission

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 Christian, Antelope Valley, Desert Christian, Eastside, Lancaster, Lancaster Baptist, Paraclete and Quartz Hill. 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 where they will coordinate their efforts with the City's Safer Stronger Neighborhoods Committee to improve the façade of a local elementary school. 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:

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| 1. | Brittany Lewis | Antelope Valley High School |
| 2. | Jonathan Kay | Desert Christian High School |
| 3. | Cheyenne Eslick | Desert Christian High School |
| 4. | Trent Kelly | Lancaster Baptist High School |
| 5. | Catherine Kern | Paraclete High School |
| 6. | Michael Yang | Quartz Hill High School |
| 7. | Samantha Gregory | Eastside High School |