

STAFF REPORT
City of Lancaster

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Date: October 11, 2011
To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members
From: Robert W. Greene, Parks, Recreation and Arts Director
Subject: **Appointment of 2011/2012 Lancaster Youth Commission**

Recommendation:

Nominate and appoint Anthony Barros, Tristan Wilkins, Joshua Kay, Luis Haro, Kaycee Pickett, Reana Rodio, Cameron Epps-Lee, and Joseph Rodriguez to the 2011-2012 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 Baptist, Paraclete, Quartz Hill and SOAR High School. 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.. 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. Anthony Barros **Antelope Valley High School**
2. Tristan Wilkins **Bethel Christian**
3. Joshua Kay **Desert Christian High School**
4. Luis Haro **Eastside High School**
5. Kaycee Pickett **Lancaster Baptist High School**
6. Reana Rodio **Lancaster High School**
7. Cameron Epps-Lee **Paraclete High School**
8. Joseph Rodriguez **SOAR High School**

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