STAFF REPORT City of Lancaster

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Date: October 23, 2012

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Ronda Perez, Director, Parks, Recreation and Arts Department

Subject: Appointment of 2012/2013 Lancaster Youth Commission

Recommendation:

Nominate and appoint Xi Mu (Zee-Moo) Wang, Rachel Wyckoff, Joshua Kay, Anna Tierney, Carley Quellman, Aimee Elder and Alex Conrado to the 2012-2013 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, 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.	Xi Mu (Zee-Moo) Wang	Antelope Valley Christian
2.	Rachel Wyckoff	Antelope Valley High School
3.	Joshua Kay	Desert Christian High School
4.	Anna Tierney	Lancaster Baptist High School
5.	Carley Quellman	Paraclete High School

6. Aimee Elder Quartz Hill High School
7. Alex Conrado SOAR High School

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