STAFF REPORT
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Date: December 11, 2012

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

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

Subject: **Appointment to 2012/2013 Lancaster Youth Commission**

Recommendation:
Nominate and appoint Tiffany Johnson, Miss Lancaster, to the 2012-2013 Lancaster Youth Commission.

Fiscal Impact:
None.

Background:
Miss Johnson was recommended for the Youth Commission by Sandy Smith, Antelope Valley Fair Association Board member. As a liaison to the Antelope Valley community queens, Ms. Smith believes that the person serving as Miss Lancaster each year should also be a member of the Youth Commission. Ms. Smith has had the opportunity to work extensively with Miss Johnson and believes that her strong leadership qualities and dedication to the community would make her an outstanding addition to the City of Lancaster's Youth Commission.

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.

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