

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
Torrance City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the City Council:

SUBJECT: Torrance Youth Council and Community Services – Approve and Appropriate funds for the 2012 “Beat the Odds” scholarship recipients.

Expenditure: \$4,000.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Torrance Youth Council and the Community Services Director that City Council approve and appropriate \$4,000 from the Youth Council Donation Account for warrants to be issued to four 2012 “Beat the Odds” scholarship honorees.

FUNDING

Funding is available in the Youth Council Donation Account.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

In 1996, the Torrance Youth Council brought forward a request to sponsor a “Beat the Odds” Scholarship program. The goal of the program was to recognize outstanding achievement and perseverance for Torrance Unified School District graduating seniors. Scholarships are awarded annually at the Beat the Odds dinner, hosted at THE ATTIC. There are typically five scholarships awarded, each in the amount of \$1,000.

This year there were 11 scholarship applications received and reviewed by a panel consisting of members from different Community Services Department Commissions. On April 18, 2012, the Youth Council voted unanimously to provide \$1,000 scholarships to four (4) applicants based on the recommendation of the panel. The Youth Council is requesting Council approval from the Youth Council Donation Account to fund these scholarships.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank T. Masi

Frank Masi, Chairperson
Torrance Youth Council

Richard Brunette

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Recreation Services Manager

CONCUR:

[Signature]

John Jones
Community Services Director

NOTED:

[Signature]

LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachment: A) Excerpt from Youth Council Minutes dated April 18, 2012, Item 11

Excerpt from Torrance Youth Council Minutes dated April 18, 2012, Item 11**EXCERPT OF MINUTES**

- Minutes Approved
 Minutes Subject to Approval

April 18, 2012

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL****2. ROLL CALL/MOTIONS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE**

PRESENT: Ryan Hirano, Diana Im, Gloria Kang, Minji Kim, Samuel Lee, Sean Lee, Frank Masi, Chewy (Joo Hee) Pak, Christine Plascencia, Anna Spallino, Shiloh Schatzkamer, Serena Tsay, Grant Torre, Tiffany Tran, Candace Wu, Anthony Xian, Matthew Yu

ABSENT: Nicole Ludena

STAFF: Debbie Reed, Sr. Recreation Supervisor; Youth Council Liaison
Toni Sexton, Staff Assistant to Youth Council

11. APPROVAL OF FUNDS – Beat the Odds

Four students were selected to receive the 2012 Beat the Odds Scholarship for a total of \$4,000.

MOTION: Minji Kim to allocate funds in the amount of \$4,000 to the scholarship recipients for 2012. Ryan Hirano **SECONDED**. The motion **carried** unanimously.