

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

Members of the City Council:

**SUBJECT: Community Services – Approve and Appropriate a Youth Council grant for the 2010 “Beat the Odds” Scholarship recipients.  
Expenditure: \$5,000.**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Torrance Youth Council and the Community Services Director that City Council approve and appropriate \$5,000 from the Youth Council Donation Account for warrants to be issued to the five 2010 “Beat the Odds” scholarship honorees.

**FUNDING**

Funding is available in the Youth Council Donation Account.

**BACKGROUND**

Over the past 28 years, the Torrance Youth Council has sponsored arts and crafts boutiques to raise funds to promote youth activities and programs within the City of Torrance.

In 1996, while determining ways to honor and celebrate Torrance youth and their achievements, several members thought the NBC News “Beat the Odds/Achievement Council” program was a good way to fulfill this objective. With approval of the City Council, in 1997 the Youth Council developed their version of a “Beat the Odds” scholarship program. Scholarships would be awarded annually to Torrance Unified School District graduating seniors who have overcome obstacles and maintained good grades while volunteering in the community. The Youth Council presented five scholarships that first year and have continued offering this program and scholarships to deserving youth ever since.

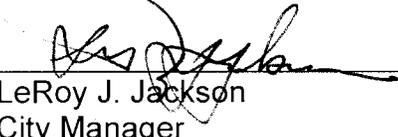
**ANALYSIS**

After evaluating applications and interviewing applicants, the Torrance Youth Council voted unanimously at their meeting on April 21, 2010 to provide \$1,000 grants to five 2010 “Beat the Odds” applicants. The Youth Council would now like to provide the honorees their scholarships using funds from the Youth Council Donation Account.

CONCUR:

  
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John Jones  
Community Services Director

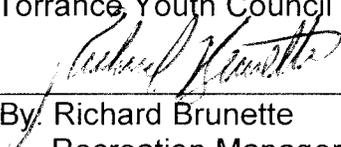
NOTED:

  
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LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager

Respectfully submitted,

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Zachary Gray, Chairperson  
Torrance Youth Council

  
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By: Richard Brunette  
Recreation Manager

<b>EXCERPT OF MINUTES</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minutes Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Minutes Subject to Approval
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April 21, 2010

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

PRESENT: Lea Atienza, Chelsea Brewer, Nicole Cristy, Zachary Gray, Asia Hundley, Tony Joo, Prisca Lu, Frank Masi, Ashley Park, Jasmine Park, Brett Sakaguchi, Chie Tamada, Andy Tsou, Brendon Villalobos, Kathryn Wu, Aileen Yoon

ABSENT: Linde Liu,

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

**11. APPROVAL OF FUNDS**

Motioned Brendon Villalobos; that Torrance Youth Council approve to allocate funds from the Youth Council donation account for the Beat the Odds scholarships; Laura Hunt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.