

RESOLUTION NO. 00-044

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SANTA BARBARA CONCERNING THE YOUTH INTERN
PROGRAM FOR CHARTER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 95-025

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara initially established an ad hoc Youth Task Force to advise the City Council and various City boards and commissions with respect to the concerns and the interests of youth of our community and how the City of Santa Barbara may properly address such concerns and appropriately support such interests; and

WHEREAS, the City Council subsequently established a Youth Intern Program for City Charter boards and commissions to expand the opportunities for the youth of our community to participate in the governmental and advisory processes of the City and to provide the City Council, City staff, and certain City boards and commissions established by the Charter with the perspective and insight of the young people of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now believes it is advisable to extend the Youth Intern Program to high school student volunteers who reside within the Santa Barbara High School District or attend other high schools within the City limits to learn first hand how public decisions are made and how City departments function in providing public services while at the same time providing community service that may qualify for academic credit;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. APPLICABLE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. A youth internship program is hereby established to advise City Charter boards and commissions such as Parks, Recreation, and Library, or other boards and commissions as determined by the City Council.

2. DUTIES OF INTERNS. Boards or commissions approved by Council to place interns shall have no more than one (1) student intern appointed to serve at any one time. The interns shall be considered ex-officio members of the board or commission to which they are appointed pursuant to paragraph 3 hereof and shall serve exclusively at the pleasure of the Mayor without any compensation or reimbursement. Such interns shall have no right to vote or act in matters properly delegated to the particular board or commission by the City Charter or otherwise by City ordinance or resolution. However, such interns shall have full power to speak at board and commission meetings, to receive board and commission reports, and other public documents (with the exception of those documents relating to closed session agenda items, as determined by the City Attorney), and are encouraged to actively participate in board or commission discussions and recommendations.

3. NOMINATION AND SELECTION. The Youth Intern Program shall consist of high school student volunteers who reside within the Santa Barbara High School District or attend other high schools with the City limits and are nominated by the principal of each high school. Each such student shall be either in their junior or senior year of high school and shall be and remain a student in good standing as is determined by the high school. A student that graduates shall not serve for more than three (3) months following graduation.

Upon nomination, such prospective interns shall be interviewed by the City Council and appointed by the Mayor for a one-year term each. A student shall not serve more than two terms. Each intern shall sign a contract developed by the City hereby promising to attend the meetings of their board or commission and to contribute their views to the greatest extent possible.

4. INTERN ANNOUNCEMENT AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE. The City Administrator shall determine an appropriate process for announcing intern positions and a procedure and time frames for receiving student intern applications for bringing student applications before City Council for interviews and appointment by the Mayor.

5. Resolution No. 95-025 is hereby rescinded.

Adopted June 6, 2000

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA }


Harriet Miller
Mayor