



# County of Santa Cruz

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AGENDA: April 17, 2001

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
county of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
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SUBJECT: PERMANENT STATUS - TEEN COORDINATOR

Dear Members of the Board:

On November 9, 1998, your Board approved a two year limited term appointment of a Recreational Coordinator to be hired as the Coordinator for the Live Oak Teen Program. This position has been extremely effective in facilitating the development of a number of important programs for local teens. Now that the program has found a permanent home at the new Teen Center, soon to be constructed at the Shoreline Middle School, it is anticipated that the Teen Program will continue to expand. Therefore, the Parks Department is requesting that your Board assign permanent status to the current Recreational Coordinator position.

The Live Oak Teen Program has proven to be effective in providing local teens with a variety of recreational and educational opportunities, thus assuming a vital role in the community. In each of the last two summer clubs, the enrollment has reached upwards of 120 members with a balanced percentage of teens ranging from the graduating 5<sup>th</sup> grader to the graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grader. Efforts to create a year-round program have come to fruition with the acquisition of a new facility planned for arrival by June 2001. The new Teen Center will enable the program to be fully functional through the summer and school year.

The new Teen Center will enable the Teen Coordinator to have a presence on the school campus not only during school hours but also after school and during the summer months. As your Board is aware, the Teen Center was made possible through the joint efforts of the Live Oak School District and the County Parks and Redevelopment Agency through an agreement that ensures the Center's continued location for the next eight years.

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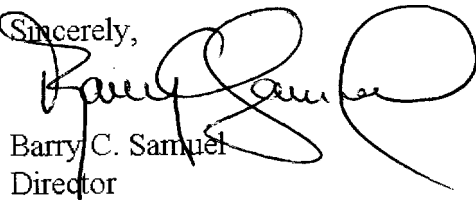
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Commencing in July 2001, we will begin a partnership with the Live Oak School District to offer programs for students from Shoreline Middle School. The Live Oak School District, with Santa Cruz County Parks as a community partner, is the recipient of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant (C.C.L.C.). The grant will fund, among other program components, fifty percent of the Teen Coordinator's salary and benefits for the three-year term of the grant. The 21<sup>st</sup> C.C.L.C. Program is a key component of national efforts to keep children safe, to provide academic enrichment, recreation, and other opportunities. Congress has supported this initiative by appropriating \$846 million for after-school programs in Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 (up from \$453 million in 2000).

The focus of this program, authorized under Title X, Part I, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, is to provide expanded learning opportunities for participating children in a safe, drug-free and supervised environment. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (CLC) program enables schools to stay open longer, providing a safe place for homework centers, intensive mentoring in basic skills, participation in recreational activities, drug and violence prevention counseling, helping middle school students to prepare to take college prep courses in high school, enrichment in the core academic subjects, as well as opportunities for chorus, band and the arts, technology education programs and services for children and youth with disabilities. The activities to be offered through the Live Oak Teen Center, facilitated by the Teen Coordinator, will be invaluable in delivering these and other essential programs to local teens.

Given the status of the Teen Program at Shoreline Middle School, the critical importance of making safe and desirable alternatives available to teens and the exciting new addition of a Teen Center Building purchased with County Redevelopment funds, it is RECOMMENDED that your Board assign permanent status to the current Recreation Coordinator - Teens effective April 17, 2001.

Sincerely,



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 Director

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RECOMMENDED:



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO  
 County Administrative Officer

cc: CAO, Auditor-Controller, County Counsel, Parks , Personnel