

TO: Youth Council

Date: 3/8/02

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Action
 For Information
 Meeting Notes

SUBJECT: Funds Request/Youth Expo 2002

PROPOSED MOTION:

That the Youth Council approve a request for \$500 from the Merced County Human Services Agency to help pay for the Keynote Speaker for the Merced Youth Expo 2002 Conference, April 27, 2002.

DISCUSSION:

Youth Expo 2002 is a one day conference focusing on preparing Merced County high school age students for the challenges ahead after exiting high school. The conference is open to all high school age youth, as well as their family members. The focus is to positively effect youth who have not made final decisions on what they intend to do after high school.

Topics for the conference include vocational, educational, and community volunteer opportunities, healthy behaviors and relationships, financial counseling, cultural diversity aand leadership development. One thousand youth are expected to attend.

The keynote speaker will be Rebecca "Maggie" Magdalena Escobedo-Steele, a distinguished professional mediator and founder of Seventh Generation Warriors for Peace, a consulting firm dedicated to peacemaking and violence prevention. Maggie specializes in working to prevent violence and gang conflict among youth. Maggie is a certified mediator.

ATTACHMENTS: Application for Youth Council Assistance