

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

**Parks and Recreation Youth Worker Program Motion:**

The Chief Executive Officer's 2009-10 Proposed Budget recommends the elimination of 22.0 Youth Worker positions in the Parks and Recreation Youth Workers program. This program offers temporary employment to youth between the ages of 14-24 that have been identified as "At-Risk". For many of these young people, the positions in this program will offer them not only their first job, but provide an opportunity for them to learn and develop fundamental work and social skills and behavior that are required for future career success.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provides funding via Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth Grants to be used for summer youth employment as well as for year-round youth employment activities. It also allows funds to be spent on youth through age 24 to allow local programs to reach young adults who have become disconnected from both education and the labor market.

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**Motion:**

I therefore move that the Board of Supervisors instruct the CEO to work with Parks and Recreation, Community and Senior Services, and other departments as needed to report back during Budget Deliberations on the feasibility of utilizing WIA Youth Grants from the ARRA as well as other funding components from ARRA to create alternative youth programming in the Department of Parks and Recreation.

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