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Saratoga Youth Commission Receives “Award of Excellence” from California Parks and Recreation Society

Saratoga, CA. In February 2013, the City of Saratoga’s Youth Commission received the "Award of Excellence" given by the local chapter of the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS). Each year, CPRS presents the “Award of Excellence” to deserving recreation departments that demonstrate a high level of achievement in professionalism and engaging the community. This year, the Saratoga Youth Commission received the award for its collaboration with the City of Cupertino Youth Commission on “Pizza and Politics,” an election forum intended to engage youth in the political process and give youth and local leaders a chance to dialogue with one another.

The “Pizza & Politics: A Political Forum for Teens” took place on October 24, 2012. The two hour event was [televised](#) and well attended with more than 125 people, most of whom were teens. The Political Forum featured discussions between candidates for the Fremont Union High School District, the 28th State Assembly District, and Saratoga Mayor Chuck Page and Campbell Vice Mayor Evan Low representing the presidential candidates and their respective parties. The candidates, as well as Mayor Page and Vice Mayor Low, engaged in lively discussions and answered very astute and thoughtful questions from teens in the audience.

CPRS was founded in 1946 and is a nonprofit, professional and public interest organization with more than 4,000 members who create community. CPRS provides career development, networking, resources and is the public advocate for California park and recreation professionals. In 2009, CPRS presented the “Award of Excellence” to the City of Saratoga Recreation Department for its website.

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