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**Los Angeles County Park Youth Soccer Team Honored by
Board of Supervisors; Team will represent U.S. in Paris, France**

Los Angeles, CA - On Tuesday, July 15, 14 young soccer players from Carver Park's youth soccer team in South Los Angeles were recognized by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Team FC Barcelona is a group of 10 to 12 year olds who recently won the Dannon Invitational Cup at the Cerritos Memorial Challenge this past Memorial Day Weekend. Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke, chair of the Board, presented each player a scroll at the Board meeting and recognized for the history making win! The team will be the second team in U.S. history to attend the Danone Nations Cup in Paris France.

Team FC Barcelona scored the winning goal (2 to 1) against the Stampede Legends and beat out 20 other teams throughout California and Nevada. They will now represent the United States and compete against 40 countries in the Danone Nations Cup September 4 thru 7 in Paris, France. They are the only U.S. team in their age group that will compete for the title of Best Youth Soccer Team. The team of 14 players will continue training at Carver Park every Monday and Wednesday until they leave for the competition. In addition to being a sporting competition that promotes physical exercise and gives thousands of children the chance to make their dreams come true, the Danone Nations Cup is also a charitable event.

The entire team and coaching staff will be sponsored by The Dannon Company for an all expense paid trip to attend the championship. These kids will represent the United States at the Danone Nations Cup, making a historical play for the world title of best youth soccer team.

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