



## SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL

Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
3900 Avenida Simi

### AGENDA

*\*Special Meeting Location*

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome
2. Agenda Review  
This is the time to reorder and/or remove items from the agenda by consensus of the Youth Council. Any individual member who will be abstaining from a discussion item should announce his/her intentions at this time.
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Public Statements/Comments  
This is the time allotted for statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Youth Council. Statements and comments are limited to no more than five (5) minutes per speaker.
6. New Business
  - a. Discussion of Youth Summit Group Leader Designation
  - b. Selection of the 2017 Youth Council Comments Presenters to City Council on January 9, February 6, March 6, and May 15
  - c. Selection of the Youth Summit Application Design
  - d. Discussion of Youth Summit Facilitator Training and Debrief Practice
7. Representative Reports  
Youth Council Reports and Comments  
This is the time for Youth Council members' statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Youth Council or to request a future agenda item. This is also the time to make any announcements related to community events and other items of interest.
8. Coordinator's Report
9. Adjournment: Tuesday, December 20, 2016, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room

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Anna M. Medina  
Deputy Community Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Youth Council Chair Emily Ramirez called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., and Secretary Zalma Quezada took attendance verifying that a quorum was present.

2016-17 Youth Council Members					
Selection Districts			Members-At-Large		
P	Keyla Pech - AHS		P	Humna Ahmad	P Aaron Williams
E	Leah Nohrenberg - RHS		E	Gurvardaan Bal	
P	Emily Ramirez - RHS		P	Denise Gonzales	Alternates
P*	Prachi Patel - SSSHS		P	Timothy Ho	A Ryan Rosenstein
P	Zalma Quezada - SSSHS		P	Elizabeth Lopez	P Yue Dan Chen
P	Nick Judge - SVHS		P*	Phoebe Ruiz	V Vacant
P	Shanaya Sidhu - SVHS		P	Adrian Schemm	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant
P	Ashley Zook - HMS		P*	Lindsay Scholbrock	
P	Ziren Mo - SMS		P	Natalie Smith	
P*	Aditya Gaiki - VVMS		P	Anushka Vakil	
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Jeri Cooper, Senior Management Analyst; and Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator.

Guests: Students James Chu, Pranav Krishnamoorthi, and Ya Qi Wang.

2. Agenda Review

There being no objections, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

**ACTION:**

A motion to approve the November 1, 2016, minutes as written was made by Natalie Smith and seconded by Adrian Schemm.

**Youth Council vote: 16 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac reported that she had received thank you letters from the Free Clinic of Simi Valley for each Youth Council member that volunteered at the Tooth Fairy 5k/10k Run's Social Media Team, as well as a thank you letter to the entire Youth Council for participating in the Community Health Expo portion of the event.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Jeri Cooper introduced herself as the new Senior Management Analyst with the City's Department of Community Services. Students Pranav Krishnamoorthi, James Chu and Ya Qi Wang introduced themselves and greeted the Youth Council.

6. Continued Business

a. Discussion of Youth Council Work Plan

Youth Council members completed a final brainstorming activity to address issues of concern to youth raised during the October 18 and November 1, 2016, Youth Council meetings.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the 2016-17 Youth Council Work Plan presented below was made by Denise Gonzales and seconded by Phoebe Ruiz.

**Youth Council vote: 19 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

The 2016-17 Youth Council Work Plan will be as follows:

- Research and recommend standardized grading system or policy to be consistent across all school campuses;
- Increase awareness of teen health and wellness at all middle and high school campuses;
- Reduce bullying by encouraging all school campuses to have "safe places" onsite to go for assistance;
- Reduce use of discriminatory slang to help build tolerance and promote kindness; and
- Increase fitness levels of teens by researching and promoting fitness opportunities that are low or no cost.

b. Discussion and Selection of Committees to Address the 2016-17 Youth Council Work Plan

For task management, Ms. Tignac recommended forming committees to research and address action items contained within the 2016-17 Youth Council Work Plan.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve on committees targeting the following issues:

Education: Humna Ahmad, Timothy Ho, Prachi Patel, Zalma Quezada, Phoebe Ruiz, Adrian Schemm and Ashley Zook.

Health and Wellness: Yue Dan Chen, Denise Gonzales, Timothy Ho, Nick Judge, Ziren Mo, Emily Ramirez, Phoebe Ruiz, Lindsay Scholbrock, Shanaya Sidhu and Anushka Vakil.

Bullying Prevention/Safety: Denise Gonzales, Elizabeth Lopez, Keyla Pech, Zalma Quezada, Emily Ramirez, Phoebe Ruiz, Shanaya Sidhu, Natalie Smith and Aaron Williams.

Tolerance/Anti-Discrimination/Kindness: Humna Ahmad, Gurvardaan Bal, Timothy Ho, Elizabeth Lopez, Phoebe Ruiz, Natalie Smith, Anushka Vakil, and Aaron Williams.

**ACTION**: A motion to approve the committees as presented above to address the 2016-17 Youth Council Work Plan was made by Nick Judge and seconded by Ashley Zook.

**Youth Council vote: 19 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed**

Ms. Tignac stated that she would contact committee members to coordinate meeting dates.

7. New Business

a. Discussion of Holiday-inspired Youth Council Team Building Activity

Nick Judge led a discussion regarding an opportunity for Youth Council members to do a holiday-inspired team building activity. Members discussed parameters of the gift exchange. By consensus, Youth Council members drew names and selected December 20, 2016, as the date to hold the activity.

b. Discussion of Youth Council Team Building Activity at the Iceoplex Simi Valley

Ms. Tignac stated that the owner of the Iceoplex had provided two dates as options for the Broomball Team Building Activity. After a brief discussion, more Youth Council members would be available on Thursday, December 22, 2016.

**ACTION**: A motion to approve Thursday, December 22, 2016, beginning at 2:45 p.m., as the date to hold the Broomball Teambuilding Activity at the Iceoplex Simi Valley was made by Zalma Quezada and seconded by Humna Ahmad.

**Youth Council vote: 19 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed**

Youth Council members were advised to wear athletic shoes and warm clothing. Permission forms would be mailed to Youth Council parents and guardians. The event would provide an opportunity to experience team building.

c. Discussion and Selection of 2017 Youth Summit Community Service Project

Youth Summit Committee Chair Zalma Quezada gave a brief overview of past community service projects led by the Youth Council in conjunction with past Youth Summits. She also stated that the Youth Summit Committee had met and selected the top three potential donation drive recipients to present to the Youth Council as the 2017 Community Service Project.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the Salvation Army/Simi Valley Care and Share as the 2017 Youth Summit Community Service Project recipient was made by Prachi Patel and seconded by Adrian Schemm.

**Youth Council vote: 19 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

8. Representative Reports

Prachi Patel reminded female Youth Council members and guests that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute's first annual Young Women's Leadership Summit on Saturday, November 19, 2016. Young women, ages 12 to 20, which are interested in attending the event, should go to <http://bit.ly/GirlsWhoLead> to sign-up. She stated that the cost to attend would be \$20.00.

Nick Judge stated that he and Timothy Ho attended the Task Force on Homelessness meeting on November 10, 2016. Nick stated that he would give his full report at the December 6 Youth Council meeting.

Emily Ramirez reported that she had attended the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event on November 4, 2016. She stated that she listened to four great speakers and witnessed the unveiling of a new statue of President Reagan.

Emily Ramirez stated that she had participated in the Reagan Experience exhibit and suggested researching the availability for Youth Council members to go through following the Youth Town Hall in January as a team building activity.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac thanked Zalma Quezada for presenting the Youth Council Comments to the City Council on November 14, 2016. She stated that Zalma did an excellent job representing the Youth Council.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., \*Simi Valley Senior Center

Youth Council Chair Emily Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.