



**SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
**Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center**  
**3050 East Los Angeles Avenue**

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**AGENDA**  
Special Meeting Location

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
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. Continued Business
  - a. Discussion of Youth Summit Facilitator Training and Debrief Practices
  - b. Discussion of Fundraising for the Youth Council Program
  - c. Discussion of Outreach for the 2020 Youth Summit
7. New Business
  - a. Discussion and Vote on Rescheduling the Meeting Date and Location for the Youth Council Meeting from Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at City Hall to Thursday, March 5, 2020 at the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Activity Center
  - b. Discussion of the Mental Health Walkathon on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at the Simi Valley Town Center
  - c. Discussion and Selection of Top Catering Options for the 2020 Youth Summit Luncheon
  - d. Discussion of Topic Specialists for the Youth Summit Breakout Sessions



8. 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.

9. Coordinator's Report

10. Adjournment: Next Youth Council Meeting Date and Location to be Determined for the Week of March 2, 2020.



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Anna M. Medina

Deputy Community Services Director

If any interested individual has a disability that may require accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the Youth Council Coordinator at (805) 583-6766. Upon advance notification, reasonable arrangements will be made to provide accessibility to the meeting.

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Youth Council Chair Paige Barrella called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m., and Secretary Riya Manimaran took attendance verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
V	Vacant-AHS	P	Joshua Chandran	P	Tashya Vakil
P	Riya Manimaran-RHS	P	Xiaoze "Leo" Hou	Alternates	
E	Anna Sorensen-RHS	P	Abigail Jiwanmall	P	Ashley Kilmnick
P	Paige Barrella-SSHS	P	Daniella Jones	P	Ella McCrossan
P	Om Patel-SSHS	P	Parsa Karamat	P*	Ze "Daniel" Situ
P	Ashlyn Ro-SVHS	P	Rahul Naveen	Youth Council Cohort	
P	Sneha Sundaram-SVHS	P	Chandler Nelson	E	Grace Fausett
P	Abhishek AJ Jagannathan-HMS	P	Ian Nelson	E	Nikhita Sundarapandian
P	Meghna Behera- SMS	P	Frances Salvanera	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P	Kalyssa Ro-VVMS	P	Vivek Tarapara		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Youth Council Coordinator.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the January 21, 2020, minutes as written was made by Abigail Jiwanmall and seconded by Om Patel.

**Youth Council vote: 22 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

4. Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

5. Public Statements/Comments

No public statements or comments were received.

6. Continued Business

a. Discussion of Youth Summit Facilitator Training and Debrief Practices

Youth Summit Vice Chair Om Patel stated that two teambuilding activities would be led and debriefed during the February 18, 2020 Youth Council meeting.



b. Discussion of Fundraising for the Youth Council Program

Fundraising Chair Parsa Karamat reported that the committee had drafted a letter to send to Union Bank requesting a donation as a Champion of Civic Engagement sponsor and was coordinating restaurant fundraisers at Chipotle and Yogurtland in March and April respectively. They were also researching a movie fundraising night and fill a truck event.

7. New Business

a. Discussion of Outreach for the 2020 Youth Summit

Youth Summit Vice Chair Om Patel announced that 19 students were registered for the Youth Summit. Mr. Patel stated that Youth Council members needed to increase efforts in promoting the Youth Summit. He stated that registration would open for eighth grade students if spaces were not filled by Tuesday evening, February 11, 2020.

Event flyers and the Simi Valley Unified School District approved flyer form were given to all Youth Council high school members.

Mr. Patel also stated that committee members were researching catering options for lunch. He also stated how grateful he was that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute would again be sponsoring the luncheon.

b. Discussion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Talent Show on Friday, May 22, 2020

Talent Show Chair Ashley Kilmnick reported that Talent Show audition submissions were due online at [www.simivalley.org/talentshow](http://www.simivalley.org/talentshow) by Friday, April 3, 2020. She also stated that Riya Manimaran was working on both an audition and event flyer.

Ms. Kilmnick stated that live auditions may be held on or near April 17, 2020 if needed.

Ms. Kilmnick distributed Talent Show donation request letters, asking that members give out five letters each. Donation requests could be made to businesses, individuals or families.

Action Items:

1. Sneha Sundaram to create a Google Sheet, so that Youth Council members could indicate which employers or individuals they had given the donation request letters to, as well as follow-up comments.
2. Each Youth Council member to give out five Talent Show donation request letters to businesses and/or individuals.

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Paige Barrella congratulated Om Patel, Parsa Karamat and the rest of Santa Susana High School's Robotics team on winning the Santa Susana High School's Dancing with the Stars competition on Friday, January 24, 2020.

Riya Manimaran announced that the Royal High School versus Simi Valley High School Basketball game would be held on Thursday, February 6, 2020.

Meghna Behera announced that the music program at Sinaloa Middle School was holding its annual month-long fundraiser that would conclude on February 28, 2020. Those interested in donating were asked to contact her or the school directly.

Om Patel announced that the annual STEAM Expo would be held at Santa Susana High School on Saturday, February 29, 2020.

Mental Health Walkathon Chair Sneha Sundaram reported that the committee met and discussed locations for the walkathon, with the top choice being at the Simi Valley Town Center on Saturday, May 16, 2020. She stated that committee member Ashlyn Ro met with the Executive Director of the Free Clinic and Mr. Bauermeister was grateful that the Free Clinic of Simi Valley had been selected as the recipient for the Mental Health Walkathon proceeds.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac reminded Riya Manimaran that her draft speech for her Youth Council Report to the City Council Meeting on Monday, February 24, 2020, was due on Monday, February 17, 2020.

Ms. Tignac reminded Youth Council members to continue encouraging friends and peers to register for the Youth Summit online at [www.simivalley.org/youthsummit](http://www.simivalley.org/youthsummit).

Ms. Tignac reminded members of the following committees that their next meetings would be held at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at the following times:

1. Mental Health Walkathon Committee at 4:00 p.m.;
2. Youth Summit Committee at 4:30 p.m.; and
3. Talent Show Committee from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment: Youth Council meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center. Please note the change in meeting location.

By consensus, the Youth Council meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.