



**SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL**

Tuesday, December 1, 2020, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Zoom Online Meeting**

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**AGENDA**

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE STAY AT HOME ORDER AND THE COUNTY OF VENTURA HEALTH OFFICER DECLARED LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY AND LOCAL ORDER RESULTING FROM THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, THE CITY IS NOT CONDUCTING IN-PERSON MEETINGS. TO FIND OUT HOW YOU MAY ELECTRONICALLY PARTICIPATE IN THE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING AND PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE REFER TO AGENDA ITEM 5.**

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 from November 17, 2020

4. Correspondence

5. Public Statements/Comments

Time allotted for public statements on all items on the agenda, as well as matters not on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Youth Council. The following information is provided to help you understand, follow, and participate in the Youth Council meeting:

**NEW COMMENT PROCEDURE DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

Public comment is the opportunity for members of the public to participate in meetings by addressing the Youth Council in connection with one or more agenda or non-agenda items.

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b. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please sign-on via this Zoom Link <https://simivalley.zoom.us/j/93076652848> and use the raise hand function when this agenda item is called. If you wish to make a



public comment, you must be signed into the meeting and available at the time this agenda item is called.

- c. Or, if you are unable to sign-on to Zoom and wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please submit your comment via email by 4:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the Youth Council meeting to [youthcouncil@simivalley.org](mailto:youthcouncil@simivalley.org) and include the Agenda Item topic and/or your comments. These emails will be provided to the Youth Council prior to the meeting and made a part of the record.
6. Informational Presentation
    - a. Discussion Regarding a Volunteer Opportunity for the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation Board by Marie Bennett, President
  7. Continued Business
    - a. Discussion of the Simi Valley Youth Summit
  8. New Business
    - a. Discussion of the Virtual Open Mic Night Holiday Special on Friday, December 18, 2020
    - b. Discussion of Continuing Online Activities Through Spring 2021
  9. 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.
  10. Coordinator's Report
  11. Adjournment: Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Online Zoom Meeting.

  
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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 Riya Manimaran called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., and Youth Council Secretary Sumaiya Akbar took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
P	Mohnish Maini - AHS	P	Sumaiya Akbar	P	Peter Wang
P	Riya Manimaran-RHS	P	Mattheus Brocchi		
P*	Anna Sorensen-RHS	P	Synthia Mahmud	Alternates	
P	Abhishek/AJ Jagannathan-SSHS	P	Ella McCrossan	P*	Monishka Tanwani
P	Vivek Tarapara-SSHS	P	Rahul Naveen	E	Jasmine Esmail
P	Ashley Kilmnick-SVHS	P	Zainab Neemuchwala	P*	Thaen-Mozhi Anand
P	Ashlyn Ro-SVHS	P	Ian Nelson	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P	Priyaank Srinivasan-HMS	P	Alden Ta		
P	Madelyn Herzer – SMS	P	Maya Tauber		
P	Sanchita Karthik - VVMS	P	Rikka Tignac		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Community Services Coordinator.

Guests: Mayor Pro Tem Mike Judge; City Council Member Ruth Luevanos; Simi Valley Police Department Officer Glenn Ellis; Vicky Gonzales from Ventura County Public Health; and Gabe Teran from Ventura County Office of Education.

2. Agenda Review

Chair Riya Manimaran asked if members had any requested changes for the agenda. There being no objections, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes from November 3, 2020

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the November 3, 2020, minutes as written was made by Ashley Kilmnick and seconded by Alden Ta.

**Youth Council Vote: 20 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

4. Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.



5. Public Statements/Comments

Chair Riya Manimaran reviewed the public statement and comment procedure required due to the Zoom meeting format.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Judge commended Youth Council members on their great work with the online activities. He stated he was looking forward to seeing what programs and events were to come and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving holiday.

6. Informational Presentation

Tobacco and Minors: a Briefing by Simi Valley Police Department School Resource Officer Glenn Ellis

School Resource Officer Glenn Ellis gave a brief background of his history as a Police Officer with the Simi Valley Police Department. He reported recent trends in tobacco product use by Simi Valley minors that he and colleague School Resource Officer Gene Colato have seen within the past few years, including an alarming increase in the use of marijuana wax pens. He stated that electronic cigarettes are still the most common cases they see. Regarding access, he stated that youth gain access to tobacco products from older siblings, parents and harder to restrict online purchase.

Officer Ellis shared his insights on ways to reduce tobacco use. He recommended establishing follow-up policies at the school level for students suspended due to tobacco use. He also stated that having local addiction and tobacco cessation classes would be beneficial, as well as an educational pamphlet with available resources that the School Resource Officers and schools could distribute to parents and guardians.

Officer Ellis reported that the Simi Valley Police had recently applied for a grant to help with tobacco prevention, education and enforcement.

7. Continued Business

No continued business was discussed.

8. New Business

a. Discussion of the Simi Valley Youth Summit

Youth Council discussed the feasibility of hosting a Youth Summit under current COVID-19 restrictions and the schools' upcoming hybrid education model. Ideas for alternate event formats were also discussed, including utilizing a virtual platform.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve creating a Youth Summit Interest Survey was made by Monishka Tanwani and seconded by Maya Tauber.

**Youth Council Vote: 21 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

**Action Items:** The Youth Summit Committee to meet and develop a survey to gauge student interest in participating in a virtual Youth Summit.

Youth Council members to promote the survey to peers once it's developed.

9. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Online Activities Committee Chair AJ Jagannathan reported that the Community Canvas: A Stroke of Creativity event is scheduled for Friday, November 20, 2020, followed by the Open Mic Holiday Special event, scheduled on December 18, 2020. He requested that the Youth Council actively promote both events, including art submissions for the Community Canvas Collage, which are due via email to [youthcouncil@simivalley.org](mailto:youthcouncil@simivalley.org) by November 2, 2020.

Social Media Committee Chair Ella McCrossan asked all Youth Council members to follow the Simi Valley Youth Council's Instagram account @simivalleyyouthcouncil. She stated that the committee had met to plan out the next three weeks of social media content, including the promotions for the upcoming Online Activities events. She reminded members to follow on Instagram @simivalleyyouthcouncil.

Ms. McCrossan also announced that Royal High School's Girls Golf team would be hosting a Gobble 'Til You Wobble restaurant fundraiser on November 20, 2020.

Monishka Tanwani announced that Santa Susana High School's Key Club would host a restaurant fundraiser at Red's Barbeque from 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., on Friday, November 20, 2020.

Matheus Brocchi announced that Santa Susana High School's Young Social Activist Club would host a COVID Relief Drive to help support the homeless.

10. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac reminded members to promote the upcoming Community Canvas: A Stroke of Creativity event on Friday, November 20, 2020. Friends and family that are interested in participating were encouraged to visit <https://tinyurl.com/yccanvas> to register.

11. Adjournment Tuesday, December 1, 2020, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Online Zoom Meeting.

Youth Council Chair Riya Manimaran adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.