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## SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 2, 2021, 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

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 January 19, 2021

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.**

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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. Continued Business

- a. Discussion of a "Dangers of Vaping" Service Learning Project

7. New Business

- a. Review of the 2020-21 Youth Council Work Plan
- b. Discussion of a Potential 2021 Virtual Youth Town Hall

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: Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 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

Youth Council Chair Riya Manimaran called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., and Youth Council Coordinator Kristin Tignac took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
E	Mohnish Maini - AHS	E	Sumaiya Akbar	E	Peter Wang
P	Riya Manimaran-RHS	E	Matheus Brocchi		
E	Anna Sorensen-RHS	A	Synthia Mahmud	Alternates	
P	Abhishek/AJ Jagannathan-SSHS	P	Ella McCrossan	P	Monishka Tanwani
P	Vivek Tarapara-SSHS	E	Rahul Naveen	P	Jasmine Esmail
P	Ashley Kilmnick-SVHS	E	Zainab Neemuchwala	E	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: Anna Medina, Deputy Community Services Director; and Kristin Tignac, Community Services Coordinator.

Guests: City Council Members Ruth Luevanos and Elaine Litster; Jackie Chavez with Interface Children and Family Services, Melissa Simon, and former Youth Council Member and student Kalyssa Ro.

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 January 5, 2021

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the January 5, 2021, minutes as written was made by Abhishek AJ Jagannathan and seconded by Maya Tauber.

**Youth Council Vote: 15 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

4. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac reported that a number of Youth Council members had contacted her stating that they would be unable to attend the meeting due to power outages effecting their internet and Wi-Fi connections.



## 5. Public Statements/Comments

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

Jackie Chavez with Interface Children and Family Services stated that runaway and homeless youth services were available, including a Runaway shelter for youth ages 12 to 17. Ms. Chavez also reminded community members of the Youth Crisis Hotline at (866) 998-2243. Additional information about Interface Children and Family Services may be found at [www.icfs.org](http://www.icfs.org).

Student Kalyssa Ro stated that she was attending the meeting to see what the Youth Council was working on.

City Council Member Elaine Litster introduced herself and stated that she was excited to now be one of the City Council Liaisons for the Youth Council.

Melissa Simon stated that she was observing the Youth Council meeting.

City Council Member Ruth Luevanos stated that she had driven to a relative's home in Sylmar to gain access to the internet. She hoped that all community members were staying safe with regards to the high winds and power outages.

## 6. Continued Business

No continued business was discussed.

## 7. New Business

## a. Discussion of the 2021 Youth Council Talent Show

After a brief discussion, the following members volunteered to serve on the 2021 Talent Show Committee: Jasmine Esmail, Abhishek Jagannathan, Ashley Kilmnick, Riya Manimaran, Ella McCrossan, Ian Nelson, Ashlyn Ro, Alden Ta, Monishka Tanwani, Vivek Tarapara, and Rikka Tignac.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the 2021 Youth Council Talent Show Committee was made by Madelyn Herzer and seconded by Jasmine Esmail.

**Youth Council Vote: 14 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

## b. Discussion of a "Dangers of Vaping" Service Learning Project

Ms. Tignac gave a brief overview of the request from the Simi Valley Unified School District's Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) program coordinator to assist with a grant received to raise awareness of the dangers of vaping.

Members brainstormed ideas for engaging events and promotional giveaway items to help raise awareness.

There being no objections, Chair Riya Manimaran continued this item for discussion during the February 2, 2021 Youth Council meeting when TUPE Coordinator Shannon McCabe would be in attendance to help provide direction.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Youth Summit Committee Chair Ashley Kilmnick reported that 54 Youth Summit Interest Survey responses had been received. Ms. Kilmnick asked that each member continue to promote the survey at <http://bit.ly/ycyssurvey> to help gauge student interest in attending a virtual Youth Summit.

Chair Riya Manimaran reminded all high school seniors of the January 29, 2021 Ventura County Community Foundation's scholarship application due date.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac reminded members to continue promoting the Mental Health Committee's survey to gather student questions for the Youth Council Alumni College Panel. The link to the survey is <https://bit.ly/yccollege>.

Ms. Tignac also reminded members of the dates for upcoming Youth Council committee meetings.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, February 2, 2021, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Online Zoom Meeting.

Youth Council Chair Riya Manimaran adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.