



**SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, June 1, 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 May 4, 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.**

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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- a. Watch the Youth Council Meeting live online at Zoom:  
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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

7. New Business

- a. Discussion of the Second Annual Community Reads Initiative
- b. Debrief of the Multicultural Festival
- c. 2020-21 Youth Council Recap
- d. Discussion of Youth Council Social Media Posts for Summer 2021
- e. Team Building Activity

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, August 17, 2021, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tentative 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 Secretary Sumaiya Akbar took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
E	Mohnish Maini - AHS	P	Sumaiya Akbar	P*	Peter Wang
P	Riya Manimaran-RHS	P	Matheus Brocchi		
A	Anna Sorensen-RHS	P	Ella McCrossan	Alternates	
P	Abhishek/AJ Jagannathan-SSHS	E	Rahul Naveen	E	Jasmine Esmail
P*	Vivek Tarapara-SSHS	P*	Monishka Tanwani	E	Thaen-Mozhi Anand
P	Ashley Kilmnick-SVHS	P	Zainab Neemuchwala	V	Vacant
P	Ashlyn Ro-SVHS	P	Ian Nelson	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P*	Priyaank Srinivasan- HMS	E	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; Ryan Fowler, Student Leadership Program Coordinator at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute; and students William Binson, Ian Boyd, Srivallabha Chintalapati, Krish Kothiya, Gaurav Pandher, Kalyssa Ro and Saydee Ro.

2. Agenda Review

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes from April 20, 2021

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the April 20, 2021, minutes as written was made by Ella McCrossan and seconded by Matheus Brocchi.

**Youth Council Vote: 13 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.

Santa Susana High School student Gaurav Pandher stated that he had attended the meeting to see what the Youth Council would be discussing.

Ian Boyd stated that he was observing the meeting as part of a Boy Scout of America merit badge.

Students Krish Kothiya and William Binson both stated that they had attended to observe the Youth Council meeting.

Council Member Litster stated that she was impressed with the Youth Council and was proud of the many events that had been hosted over the past few weeks. She also informed the Youth Council that Monte Vista was hosting vaccinations for people who are over sixteen years old.

Council Member Luevanos wished everyone May the Fourth be With You and happy Teachers' Appreciation Week, as well as happy Administrative Assistants' Week.

Srivallabha Chintalapati from Santa Susana High School stated that he was interested in joining the Youth Council.

6. Informational Interview

a. The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute's 2021 Student Leadership Program

Ryan Fowler, Student Leadership Program (SLP) Coordinator, gave a brief overview of the two available programs (SLP 101 and SLP 102) that were being offered this summer from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Currently, all of the sessions would be done virtually, except for one in-person session beginning on August 19, 2021. Mr. Fowler mentioned that students from all over the world participate in the program.

The main differences between the two programs were that SLP 101 focuses on developing youth leadership skills and style of leadership, while SLP 102 helps guide students in implementing their leadership skills to take on a problem at the local, state, or federal level.

The registration deadline for both SLP sessions is June 1, 2021. To find out more information, Youth Council members can email Mr. Fowler or check out the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute's website at <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/student-leadership-program/>. Scholarships and grants are available for students.

Mr. Fowler asked if Youth Council members would provide feedback on their new virtual SLP escape room.

## 7. Continued Business

- a. Discussion of the Multicultural Festival Events Planned on April 10, April 17, April 24 and May 21, 2021

Multicultural Festival Committee Chair Ashlyn Ro reported that the first three weeks of the event went well, with Cultural Cuisine being the last event to have premiered. She encouraged Youth Council members to watch previous events and share that the events were posted on the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Facebook page. The final event of the Multicultural Festival; Origin Stories, would premier at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 21, 2021.

Ms. Tignac said that the committee was requesting more art submissions. She also stated that she would send out the Multicultural Festival flyer to all Youth Council members for a social media push for the final event.

Madelyn Herzer stated she attended the first event and was impressed by how well everything was put together.

- b. Discussion of a Possible Group Finale Act for the May 28, 2021 Simi Valley Talent Show

Talent Show Committee Chair Rikka Tignac opened a discussion on ideas for a Youth Council group finale act. One recommendation was for Youth Council members to record some sort of act to the Champs song, "Tequila", but replacing the word "tequila" with another word and shamelessly plugging Youth Council social media accounts throughout the song.

Abhishek Jagannathan suggested the song "Levity."

Ms. Tignac announced that currently there were two noncompetitive acts and eighteen competitive acts in the show.

## 8. New Business

- a. Discussion of New Youth Council Member Interviews

The following outgoing Youth Council members volunteered to serve on the Returning Youth Council Member Interview Subcommittee; Ashley Kilmnick, Riya Manimaran and Vivek Tarapara.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve on the New Youth Council Member Interview Panel if they were selected to return for the 2021-22 Youth Council term; Sumaiya Akbar, Matheus Brocchi, Abhishek Jagannathan, Sanchita Karthik, Ella McCrossan, Zainab Neemuchwala, Ian Nelson, Ashlyn Ro, Priyaank Srinivasan, Alden Ta, Monishka Tanwani, Rikka Tignac, and Peter Wang.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the Youth Council performing a group finale act by Zoom was made by Monishka Tanwani and seconded by Abhishek Jagannathan.

**Youth Council Vote: 17 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**



b. Discussion and Selection of the Teen Crisis Resource Number Review Committee

Youth Council Chair Riya Manimaran gave a brief overview of the history of the committee, which reviews and makes recommendation for the teen crisis resource numbers located on the back of all Simi Valley Unified School District middle and high school identification cards.

City Council Member Luevanos suggested including resource numbers that take calls in multiple languages.

The following members volunteered and were selected to serve on the Teen Crisis Resource Number Review Committee: Sumaiya Akbar, Mattheus Brocchi, Ian Nelson, Abhishek Jagannathan, Alden Ta, Rikka Tignac, Ashlyn Ro, Mattheus Brocchi, Monishka Tanwani, Zainab Neemuchwala, Peter Wang, and Sumaiya Akbar.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the Teen Crisis Resource Number Review Committee was made by Vivek Tarapara and seconded by Ian Nelson.

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

**The motion passed.**

c. Discussion and Selection of a Youth Council Presenter to the City Council On Monday, May 17, 2021

Ms. Tignac gave a brief overview of the opportunity Youth Council had to present informational reports to City Council on both May 17, 2021 and on June 21, 2021.

The following members were selected to present on May 17, 2021: Matheus Brocchi, Abhishek Jagannathan and Zainab Neemuchwala.

The following members would present on June 21, 2021: Riya Manimaran, Ian Nelson and Rikka Tignac.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the Youth Council presenters to the City Council on May 17 and June 21, 2021 was made by Mattheus Brocchi and seconded by Ashlyn Ro.

**Youth Council Vote: 13 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

9. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Ella McCrossan, Social Media Committee Chair, reported that the Wellness Week mental health campaign was live on Instagram and she encouraged everyone to follow the Youth Council Instagram.

Abhishek (AJ) Jagannathan reported that the anti-vaping event held on April 30, 2021, in partnership with BRITE, went very well.

Zainab Neemuchwala, Mental Health Committee Chair, briefly described Wellness Week for Youth Council members, encouraging them to wear green for "Fight for Awareness Friday".

Ashley Kilmnick, Youth Summit Committee Chair, stated that dignitary filming would begin next week and that many potential panelists were pending responses. City Council Member Ruth Luevanos suggested reaching out to a Latinx Youth Trauma Counselor and a Black Youth Trauma Counselor for the event. She stated that she would email the contact information to Ms. Tignac.

Ella McCrossan stated that she would assist Rikka Tignac as an event questions and answers moderator during the Thursday Nights with Emma Zoom webinars beginning at 6:00 p.m., on May 6, 13 and 20, 2021.

10. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac reminded members to continue promoting upcoming Youth Council events; including the May 21, 2021 Multicultural Festival Origin Stories event and the May 28, 2021 Talent Show. Ms. Tignac also reminded the members of upcoming committee meeting dates and times.

Ms. Tignac stated that she would email members the Thursday Night with Emma event flyer to share on social media.

Ms. Tignac also reminder Youth Council members to complete and turn in Youth Council applications for the 2021-22 Youth Council term.

11. Adjournment: Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Online Zoom Meeting.

Youth Council Chair Riya Manimaran adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.