



**SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, \***September 21, 2021, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  
\*Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Community Room  
3050 East Los Angeles Avenue

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## AGENDA

\*Special Meeting Time and 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. Continued Business
  - a. Discussion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Reads Program
  - b. Discussion of the Suicide Prevention Campaign for September 2021
  - c. Discussion of the 2021 Stop Bullying Campaign
7. New Business
  - a. Discussion of Youth Council Polo Shirts
  - b. Discussion of the 2022 Youth Town Hall
  - c. 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.



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9. Coordinator's Report
10. Adjournment: Tuesday, October 5, 2021, **\*\*4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**, City Hall Community Room. **\*\*Please note special meeting time.**



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Anna M. Medina  
Deputy Community Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Youth Council Chair Ashlyn Ro called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m. and acting Youth Council Secretary Ian Nelson took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
V	Vacant - AHS	P	Matheus Brocchi	P	Isaac Tieu
P	Ella McCrossan-RHS	V	Hayden Kelly		
E	Rikka Tignac-RHS	P	Rashi Khandare	Alternates	
P	Sumaiya Akbar-SSHS	P	Krish Kothiya	P	Rohith Saju
P	Abhishek/AJ Jagannathan-SSHS	P	Rahul Naveen	P	Mingxin (Dora) Deng
P	Joshua Chandran-SVHS	P	Ian Nelson	A	Mingxuan Li
P	Ashlyn Ro-SVHS	P	Aneri Pillai	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
V	Vacant-HMS	P	Kalyssa Ro		
P	Jordan Downey – SMS	P	Jacob Salvanera		
P	Saydee Ro - VVMS	P	Alden Ta		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Anna Medina, Deputy Community Services Director; and Kristin Tignac, Community Services Coordinator.

Guests: City Council Member Elaine Litster; and student Advait Nair.

2. Welcome and Introductions

Acting Youth Council Chair Sumaiya Akbar welcomed everyone, then led self-introductions of all members.

3. Agenda Review

Acting Youth Council Chair Krish Kothiya stated the procedure for agenda review and asked if any changes were recommended. By consensus, the agenda was approved as presented.

4. Approval of Minutes from August 17, 2021

Acting Youth Council Chair Matheus Brocchi asked members if they had reviewed the minutes from August 17, 2021 and then requested a motion for approval.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the August 17, 2021 minutes as written was made by Rahul Naveen and seconded by Alden Ta.

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

**The motion passed.**

## 5. Correspondence

Ms. Tignac reported that Youth Council member Hayden Kelly relinquished her member-at-large position on the Youth Council due to other school and extracurricular commitments. Ms. Tignac subsequently announced that Rohith Saju would officially move into the vacant position on Friday, September 3, 2021.

## 6. Public Statements/Comments

Acting Youth Council Chair Isaac Tieu reviewed the public statement and comment procedure. No public statements were received.

## 7. Informational Presentations

## a. Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected Officials and Members of Appointed Boards, Commissions and Committees

Acting Youth Council Dora Deng read the agenda title and introduced Ms. Tignac to lead the presentation.

Ms. Tignac provided an overview of the Youth Council purpose, goals, by-laws, organization, and meeting procedures of the Youth Council. She highlighted some of the Youth Council accomplishments to date.

Ms. Tignac also discussed the importance of the Youth Council's Work Plan in order to accomplish the Youth Council goals that members would set during upcoming Youth Council meetings.

## b. Youth Council Purpose, Goals, By-laws, Organization and Meetings

Acting Youth Council Chair Rashi Khandare announced that Ms. Tignac would lead the presentation. Ms. Tignac gave a brief overview of the City's Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected Officials and Members of Appointed Boards, Commissions and Committees, including its purpose, who it applies to and the ethical principles in the code

## 8. Continued Business

## a. Introduction of the City Council Liaisons to the Youth Council

Acting Youth Council Chair Jacob Salvanera announced the agenda item title. City Council Member Elaine Litster reiterated the importance of the Ralph M. Brown Act. She also stated that all City Boards and Commissions, including the City Council must adhere to the Brown Act rules.

b. Discussion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Reads Program

Acting Youth Council Chair Rohith Saju led a brief brainstorm for book to action project ideas. Ms. Tignac stated that Kelly Behle, Simi Valley Public Library Director, loaned the Youth Council seven copies of the Community Reads Initiative book *Rising Strong* by Dr. Brené Brown. Ms. Anna Medina distributed the books to the first group of readers. Ms. Tignac asked those that received the book to "pass it on" to another Youth Council member once they had finished reading it.

With consensus, Acting Youth Council Chair Rohith Saju continued the discussion of the agenda item to the September 21, 2021 Youth Council meeting.

c. Discussion of the Suicide Prevention Campaign for September 2021

Acting Youth Council Chair Ella McCrossan led the discussion and brainstorm on ways to promote the Rock Painting Night, as well as the format for the event.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve establishing a Rock Painting Night committee comprised of Sumaiya Akbar, Matheus Brocchi, Joshua Chandran, Abhishek Jagannathan, Krish Kothiya, Ian Nelson, Aneri Pillai, Alden Ta, and Isaac Tieu with committee alternates Rashi Khandare, Rahul Naveen was made by Rashi Khandare and seconded by Kalyssa Ro.

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

**The motion passed.**

The Social Media committee would meet on Thursday, September 2, 2021 to develop suicide prevention social media content.

Youth Council members reviewed the draft event flyer.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the draft Rock Painting Night flyer with revisions was made by Sumaiya Akbar and seconded by Jordan Downey.

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

**The motion passed.**

9. New Business

a. Election of Officers

Rahul Naveen ran unopposed for the Youth Council Chair position.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as Vice Chair: Sumaiya Akbar, Ella McCrossan, and Ashlyn Ro. Ashlyn Ro received the most votes and was selected as Vice Chair.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as Sergeant-at-Arms: Matheus Brocchi, Ian Nelson, and Isaac Tieu. Ian Nelson received the most votes and was selected as Sergeant-at-Arms.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as Secretary: Joshua Chandran and Ella McCrossan. Ella McCrossan received the most votes and was selected as Secretary.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as Treasurer: Sumaiya Akbar, Matheus Brocchi, Joshua Chandran and Abhishek Jagannathan. Abhishek Jagannathan received the most votes and was selected as Treasurer.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve Rahul Naveen as Youth Council Chair, Ashlyn Ro as Vice Chair, Ian Nelson as Sergeant-at-Arms, Ella McCrossan as Secretary, and Abhishek Jagannathan as Treasurer was made by Krish Kothiya and seconded by Ian Nelson.

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

**The motion passed.**

- b. Discussion and Selection of the Youth Council Representative to the YES Advisory Board

Ian Nelson volunteered to serve as Youth Council representative to the Youth Employment Service (YES) Advisory Board.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve Ian Nelson as the Youth Council representative to the YES Advisory Board was made by Dora Deng and seconded by Jacob Salvanera.

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

**The motion passed.**

- c. Discussion of the 2022 Youth Town Hall

Due to time constraints, Ms. Tignac stated that she would create a Google form to collect the top three issues of concern from each Youth Council member gathered from their on-campus peer discussions.

- d. Discussion of the 2021 Stop Bullying Campaign

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen continued this discussion item to the September 21 Youth Council meeting due to time constraints.

- e. Review and Discussion of the Proposal for Use of Discord

Youth Council members Abhishek Jagannathan, Krish Kothiya, and Ian Nelson gave an in-depth presentation on the benefits of the Youth Council utilizing Discord for communication management.

Discord, a popular social media platform among teens, allows users to send messages, video/voice call with friends, and create servers. The applications for use by the Youth Council were:

- Community Reach - Discord would allow the Youth Council to notify every community member in the server simultaneously, as alerts or announcements. These announcements could relate to information regarding upcoming events in the community or future Youth Council regular or subcommittee meetings, allowing the public to be well-informed on Youth Council activities, as well as serving as a way to effectively promote initiatives and events.
- Youth Council Communication - A Discord server would enable Youth Council members to increase efficiency of communication within the Youth Council, due to features such as individual text channels for each Youth Council subcommittee, as well as a general Youth Council chat for members to stay updated, with the ability to create and delete

new text channels at any point. These features would exponentially increase the ease of planning committee meetings and sharing information within the Youth Council.

- Hybrid Meetings - Throughout the final months of the 2019-2020 Youth Council term, as well as the entirety of the 2020-2021 term, the Youth Council held virtual meetings on Zoom. By virtue of being online, the Youth Council was able to plan an increased number of events and initiatives, since members could join meetings from anywhere. Discord Hybrid meetings would allow Youth Council members and the public who aren't available to attend in-person to still join and participate virtually, ensuring maximum participation and productivity.

Additionally, the Discord server feature of voice channels (which also have video capabilities) means that it can serve as a more modern and accessible version of Zoom. In addition to hybrid meetings, certain committee meetings could be hosted fully through Discord if necessary.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve requesting the use of Discord for Youth Council was made by Rashi Khandare and seconded by Alden Ta.

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

**The motion passed.**

10. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Social Media Committee Chair Ella McCrossan gave a brief report on the committees' activities and encouraged all Youth Council members and guests to follow the Youth Council on all social media platforms @simivalleyyouthcouncil.

11. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac commended members on having two very productive meetings. She reminded all members to promote the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Rock Painting Night on Thursday, September 23, 2021.

She also encouraged members to add Saturday, October 30, 2021 to their calendars for the Simi Valley Street Fair and City Expo beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment: Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., with the meeting location to be determined.

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.