



**SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, \*October 5, 2021, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall Community Room  
2929 Tapo Canyon Road  
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**AGENDA**  
\*Special Meeting Time

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. 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.
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Correspondence
6. 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.
7. Continued Business
  - a. Discussion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Reads Program
  - b. Discussion of the 2021 Stop Bullying Campaign
8. New Business
  - a. Discussion of the 2021-22 Youth Council Work Plan
  - b. Scheduling and Appointment of Youth Council Informational Report Presenters to City Council in October, November and December
  - c. Discussion of a Potential Campaign for October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month
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.



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10. Coordinator's Report
11. Adjournment: Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., **\*\*Cultural Arts Center Community Room.**

**\*\*Please note special meeting location.**



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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 Rahul Naveen called the meeting to order at 4:34 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	P	Rashi Khandare		
E	Rikka Tignac-RHS	P	Krish Kothiya	Alternates	
P	Sumaiya Akbar-SSHS	P	Rahul Naveen	P	Mingxin (Dora) Deng
P	Abhishek/AJ Jagannathan-SSHS	P	Ian Nelson	A	Mingxuan Li
P	Joshua Chandran-SVHS	P	Aneri Pillai	V	Vacant
P	Ashlyn Ro-SVHS	P	Kalyssa Ro	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
V	Vacant-HMS	P	Rohith Saju		
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; Nikki Collier, Recreation Specialist, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District; incoming Hillside Middle School Representative Gracie Kim; and student Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from August 31, 2021

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen asked members if they had reviewed the minutes from August 31, 2021 and then requested a motion for approval.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the August 31, 2021 minutes as written was made by Krish Kothiya and seconded by Alden Ta.

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

**The motion passed.**

4. Correspondence

Ms. Kristin Tignac had received an email from City of Simi Valley Associate Planner Eric Chen to inform Youth Council members of the Housing Element Planning Commission Public Hearing scheduled on Wednesday, September 29, 2021.

## 5. Public Statements/Comments

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen reviewed the public statement and comment procedure.

Nikki Collier, Recreation Specialist with the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD), announced the following volunteer opportunities: the RSRPD's 60th Anniversary event on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Dia De Los Muertos event on October 24<sup>th</sup>, the annual Halloween Carnival on October 31<sup>st</sup>, Snowfest on November 7<sup>th</sup>, and the Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Collier invited Youth Council members and any other interested students, to email her at [nikkic@rsrpd.us](mailto:nikkic@rsrpd.us) to sign up to volunteer.

## 6. Continued Business

## a. Discussion of the 2nd Annual Community Reads Program

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen led the discussion for project ideas for the Book to Action project or activity inspired by the book *Rising Strong* by Dr. Brené Brown. Mr. Naveen, having read the book, stated that it was focused on coming out of a conflict and staying grounded when things around you are out of control. Based on this, he suggested a community art piece, which Youth Council members suggested could be completed at the Simi Valley Street Fair. Abhishek Jagannathan suggested a project that allows people to share their personal experiences. Ashlyn Ro suggested combining this project with an anti-bullying project.

## b. Discussion of the Suicide Prevention Campaign for September 2021

Rock Painting Night Committee Chair Krish Kothiya thanked Youth Council members for donating snacks for the upcoming September 23<sup>rd</sup> Rock Painting Night. Members discussed which nonprofit organization should be selected to receive 50% of the funds raised from snack sales. The committee recommended that one of the following organizations be selected: Not One More, the Trevor Project, or Didi Hirsch Foundation. Ms. Kristin Tignac also added the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention since the Youth Council has worked with them before. With a hand vote, the Youth Council selected to donate the funds to the Didi Hirsch Foundation.

Rock Painting Night Co-volunteer Director, Isaac Tieu, requested that members complete the volunteer form that had been emailed via Google Forms. He also encouraged members to contact him or Alden Ta with any questions or concerns. Ms. Tignac provided Youth Council Members with fliers for the event and asked that everyone distribute to friends and family.

In regards to the Suicide Prevention Campaign for September 2021 as a whole, Social Media Chair Ella McCrossan invited members to check out Instagram, [@simivalleyyouthcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/simivalleyyouthcouncil), to see all of the content that had been posted for Suicide Prevention month. She also reported that posts would be added after the Rock Painting Night encouraging community members tag [@simivalleyyouthcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/simivalleyyouthcouncil) when they find them for a chance to win a gift card.

## c. Discussion of the 2021 Stop Bullying Campaign

Ms. Tignac gave a brief history of previous Stop Bullying Campaigns created by the Youth Council. Members liked the idea of having a citywide Stop Bullying Pledge with pledge banners at each school and at the booth during the Street Fair and City Expo. The members also liked the idea of having a student-made movie screening. Youth Council Chair Naveen asked Youth Council members to survey students at their schools to see how realistic the possibility of students creating videos would be. The discussion was tabled to the October 5, 2021 Youth Council meeting.

## 7. New Business

## a. Discussion of Youth Council Polo Shirts

The color options for the Youth Council Polo Shirts were white, black, heather grey, and navy blue. Based on comments from various Youth Council members, the colors were narrowed down to black or navy blue.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve navy blue as the color of the Youth Council Polo Shirts for the 2021-2022 term was made by Jordan Downey and seconded by Jacob Salvanera.

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

**The motion passed.**

## b. Discussion of the 2022 Youth Town Hall

Youth Council Chair Naveen reviewed the following results from the Google Form survey of the top topics of concern gathered from discussions at each school by Youth Council members: mental health with a focus on recovering from the effects of the pandemic, intense school expectations, discrimination (racism, homophobia, sexism, etc.), loss of motivation, academic dishonesty, poor school life, substance abuse, the cons of social media, fake friends, lack of stability in schools, suicide prevention, and finance issues. Ian Nelson added the issue of schools not accommodating students who miss school due to COVID/COVID policy. Rashi Khandare added the issue of public fighting. Rohith Saju added the issue of resources not being widely spread enough. Matheus Brocchi added the issue of sexual assault in high schools. The Youth Council narrowed the topics down to mental health with a focus on bouncing back or resilience after the pandemic, social media and technology's impact on mental health, and school expectations.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the topic of mental health with focus on bouncing back or resilience after the pandemic, social media and technology's impact on mental health, and school expectations was made by Mingxin (Dora) Deng and seconded by Joshua Chandran.

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

**The motion passed.**

c. Team Building Activity

Ian Nelson led and debriefed the team building activity called Empty Chair.

8. 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.

Sumaiya Akbar asked about Youth Council's plans for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and requested to add a discussion on the topic during the next Youth Council meeting.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac reported that the Youth Council Discord Proposal was being reviewed by Community Services Manager David Yoshitomi.

She reminded all Youth Council members to arrive at the Simi Valley Public Library by 5:30 p.m. for the September 23<sup>rd</sup> Rock Painting Night. Ms. Tignac also stated that committee meetings would be held via Zoom to make it easier for everyone's schedules.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Community Room.

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.