



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library & Museum
Presidential Learning Center
40 Presidential Drive
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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 of November 2, 2021
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 2021-22 Youth Council Work Plan
 - b. Discussion and Selection of Committees to Address the 2021-22 Youth Council Work Plan
7. New Business
 - a. Discussion and Selection of Panelists for the 2022 Youth Town Hall
 - b. 2022 Youth Town Hall Auditions and Assignment of Roles
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



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10. Adjournment: Tuesday, December 7, 2021, **5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**, City Hall Community Room.

*Note the change in meeting time.



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Deputy Community Services Director

If any interested individual has a disability that may require accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the Youth Council Coordinator at (805) 583-6766. Upon advance notification, reasonable arrangements will be made to provide accessibility to the meeting.

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. and Youth Council Secretary Ella McCrossan took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
E	Michelle Sanchez - AHS	P	Matheus Brocchi	P	Isaac Tieu
P	Ella McCrossan-RHS	P*	Rashi Khandare		
P	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	P	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	
E	Gracie Kim-HMS	P	Jacob Salvanera		
P	Jordan Downey – SMS	P	Rohith Saju		
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 Ruth Luevanos; Anthony Angelini, representative from Assemblywoman Suzette Martinez Valladares' Office; students Serena Jetely and Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from October 19, 2021

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen asked members if they had reviewed the minutes from October 19, 2021 and then requested a motion for approval.

ACTION: A motion to approve the October 19, 2021 minutes as written was made by Sumaiya Akbar and seconded by Ella McCrossan.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Youth Council Coordinator Kristin Tignac received an email from Environmental Compliance Program Coordinator Wanda Moyer thanking the Youth Council for their help with the Water Conservation booth at the Simi Valley Street Fair and City Expo.

Ms. Tignac stated that she also was asked to thank Youth Council members who stayed after the end of the event to assist with event break down by Management Analyst, Heidi DiNardo, who coordinated the City Expo.

Tyler McAnany with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute emailed Ms. Tignac a list of potential speakers for Youth Town Hall which Ms. Tignac shared with the members.

Ms. Tignac shared that the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's Snowfest event still needed volunteers. She encouraged members to email her if they would like to volunteer.

The Youth Employment Service (YES) Advisory Board requested Youth Council help in promoting the Volunteer Fair taking place on Thursday, November 18, 2021.

5. Public Statements/Comments

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

Councilmember Ruth Luevanos explained the City Council's decision to declare a Stage Two water crisis and discussed the changes that will be enacted as a result of that decision. She reminded everyone of the upcoming Dia De Los Muertos events and wished all the members a happy Diwali, which would taking place on Thursday, November 4, 2021.

Anthony Angelini, representative from Assemblywoman Suzette Martinez Valladares' Office, introduced himself.

Students Serena Jetely and Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi introduced themselves.

6. Continued Business

a. Discussion of the 2021-22 Youth Council Work Plan

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen reported that based on the previous dot vote, there was a 3-way tie for the sixth most voted issue. The tie was between having menstrual products in school bathrooms, sexual assault/harassment, and a Youth Council Tutoring Program. Due to the fact that a state law was recently passed mandating menstrual products in school bathrooms, that option was removed from the list, leaving only the second two. Sexual Assault and Harassment won the hand vote and became the sixth issue that would be discussed.

Members split into small groups to discuss and develop possible solutions for each issue. After solutions were developed, a dot vote took place with the following results:

- To decrease the stigma surrounding mental health issues and allow for self-care when needed, request that the School District allow three to five excused absences for mental health (26 votes);
- To decrease sexual assaults, request school assemblies at the middle school level to address the issue of what constitutes sexual assault and harassment (17 votes);
- To help upgrade school infrastructure, encourage schools to apply for grant funding or to prioritize infrastructure upgrades when utilizing current funding (15 votes);
- To reduce discrimination and facilitate inclusion, request adding or repurposing facilities with more gender inclusive school infrastructure, e.g. gender inclusive bathrooms (10 votes);
- To help those that may have been victims of sexual assault or harassment, request offering supports groups on campus that could lead awareness and prevention activities, such as spirit weeks and social media content (10 votes);
- To help reduce negative peer pressure, build awareness of the importance of having friends that are positive influences (7 votes);
- To reduce discrimination and exclusion, encourage more activities and community events that build awareness of multiple ethnic cultures via performances and cultural gatherings (4 votes);
- To help mitigate the impact of peer pressure as it relates to high achieving behavior, increase awareness of work load management tips and tools (4 votes); and
- To reduce stress surrounding higher education, increase awareness of resources available that help guide students through the college application process, e.g. speaker series with local graduates that are now in successful careers (4 votes).

Due to time constraints, Chair Naveen continued the discussion of the results of the dot vote to the November 16, 2021 meeting.

b. Discussion of the 2nd Annual Community Reads Program

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen reported that the paper tiles with the book to action project instructions were distributed at the Simi Valley Street Fair and City Expo on October 30, 2021. He reminded members to promote participation in the community art project by telling their friends about the project and personally asking them to complete a paper tile.

Ian Nelson recommended posting content to the Youth Council Instagram page. Matheus Brocchi volunteered to create a "Talent Tuesday" post to promote the project.

Action Item: Youth Council Members would add digital book discussion questions regarding Dr. Brené Brown's *Rising Strong* by completing a Google form that Ms. Tignac would create and share via email.

- c. Discussion and Selection of Committees to Address the 2021-22 Youth Council Work Plan

Due to time limitations, Chair Naveen continued the discussion to the November 16, 2021 Youth Council Meeting.

7. New Business

No new business was discussed.

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.

Ian Nelson encouraged members to support Grace Brethren School's theater department by attending an upcoming performance of "Sense and Sensibility".

9. Coordinator's Report

Youth Council Coordinator Kristin Tignac thanked the Social Media Committee for their hard work creating relevant social media content.

Ms. Tignac thanked all the Youth Council members who volunteered at the Simi Valley Street Fair and Expo, as well as those who coordinated Stop Bullying Pledges at their schools.

Ms. Tignac reminded everyone of the following upcoming events:

Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 3:00 p.m., hiding painted rocks at Rancho Tapo Community Park (Lemon Park);

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., the Simi Valley Job Fair to be held at the Simi Valley Town Center;

Thursday, November 18, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the Volunteer Fair at the Boys and Girls Club of Moorpark and Simi Valley at the Simi Valley location at 2850 Lemon Drive; and

The next Youth Council meeting would be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in the Presidential Learning Center (PLC). Youth Town Hall auditions would take place and dinner would be provided by the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., *the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in the Presidential Learning Center.

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.