



**SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Activity Center**  
**4201 Guardian Street**

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**AGENDA**  
**Special Meeting Date and Location**

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 April 5, 2022
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. Statements and comments are limited to no more than five (5) minutes per speaker.

6. Informational Presentations
  - a. The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute's Summer Leadership Program (SLP) by Ryan Fowler, Program Coordinator
  - b. STS Education and Employment Opportunities for Summer and Beyond by Rob Fiance, Chief Operating Officer (COO)
7. Continued Business
  - a. Updates on Youth Council Fundraising Efforts and Events
8. New Business
  - a. Approval of Presentation to be Presented during the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m., on April 20, 2022
  - b. Discussion of the Youth Council Talent Show on Saturday, May 20, 2022, at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center



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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.

10. Coordinator's Report

11. Adjournment: Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., **Simi Valley Senior Center, Room 106/107**. Note change in meeting location.



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Anna M. Medina  
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

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			
A	Arianna Reyes – 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	E	Mingxuan Li
P	Joshua Chandran-SVHS	P	Aneri Pillai	P	Jasleen Sidhu
P*	Ashlyn Ro-SVHS	E	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	E	Alden Ta		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

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

Guests: Brian Dennert, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District (RSRPD) Board Director and Royal High School Teacher; and Dave DeMaio, RSRPD Recreation Coordinator.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from March 15, 2022

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen asked members if they had reviewed the minutes from March 15, 2022 and then requested a motion for approval.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the March 15, 2022 minutes as written was made by Rikka Tignac and seconded by Matheus Brocchi.

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

**The motion passed.**

4. Correspondence

Youth Council Coordinator Kristin Tignac reminded Youth Council members that applications for the 2022-2023 Youth Council term were open and all current members interested in serving another term must reapply.

## 5. Public Statements/Comments

RSRPD Board Director Brian Dennert told members about the issues of graffiti on the Hummingbird Trail. He invited members to join him and other members of the community in trail clean ups with the next one scheduled for April 23, 2022.

## 6. Continued Business

- a. Discussion of the Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) Service Learning Project on Friday, April 8, 2022, at the Simi Valley Public Library

TUPE Committee Chair Ashlyn Ro informed Youth Council members about the plan for the service learning project on Friday, April 8, 2022. She reminded everyone to continue promoting the event to friends and classmates. Attendees would be able to earn up to two service hours. Dave DeMaio from RSRPD offered beads to use for the bracelet making portion of the event.

- b. Updates on Youth Council Fundraising Efforts

Talent Show Committee Chair Jacob Salvanera asked members for updates on distributing their five donation letters to local businesses. Rikka Tignac announced that they received \$250.00 donation from Vans Manufacturing after giving them a donation request letter.

Fundraising Committee Chair Abhishek Jagannathan reminded members to continue selling the Jamba Juice cards. He also updated members on the Fundraising Committee's plans for an escape room event to be held as a fundraiser on Saturday, April 23, 2022.

## 7. New Business

- a. Meeting Report and Discussion led by the School Infrastructure Committee

School Infrastructure Vice Chair Isaac Tieu led the discussion. He gave an overview about the School Infrastructure Committee's meeting held at the School District Office on March 8, 2022. There, the committee learned about the school Wi-Fi system and capabilities. They also learned that shutting down Chromebooks completely and disconnecting other devices from schools' Wi-Fi would do a lot towards improving internet connection. The Committee plans to work with the School District on an initiative for everyone to follow these procedures in order for Chromebooks to run faster at school.

- b. Discussion Regarding an Opportunity with the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Board

Danielle June and Dave DeMaio from the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District led a discussion with Youth Council members. The RSRPD hopes to collaborate with the Simi Valley Youth Council on future projects, such as the upcoming Escape Rooms and other recommendations the Youth Council may have. The Youth Council was asked to provide an oral presentation to the RSRPD Board at their April 20, 2022 meeting regarding the Youth Council work and the opportunities for RSRPD to collaborate with the Youth Council. Following the Youth Council meeting, Mr. DeMaio gave the Youth Council members a tour of the property.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve a Youth Council presentation to the Rancho Simi Recreation Park District Board following the regular Youth Council meeting on April 20, 2022 was made by Jacob Salvanera and seconded by Joshua Chandran.

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

**The motion passed.**

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Matheus Brocchi announced that Santa Susana High School's Young Social Activist's club (YSAC) would host an event on the history and achievements of women to be led by him and fellow Youth Council member Jasleen Sidhu on Friday, April 22, 2022, from 5:00pm - 6:00pm.

Jasleen Sidhu told members about a project to write letters to legislators surveying students about problems in Simi Valley with the intention of giving the letters to Congressman Mike Garcia.

Mental Health Committee Chair Joshua Chandran told everyone that the committee's recent "March to Wellness" mental health panel discussion with Youth Council alumni is now posted to the Simi Valley Youth Council YouTube channel!

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Committee Chair Matheus Brocchi updated the members on the committee's activities and thanked members for wearing teal to the meeting.

Social Media Committee Chair Ella McCrossan gave an update on the Social Media Committee's activities and reminded members to follow Youth Council on Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube @simivalleyyouthcouncil.

Talent Show Committee Chair Jacob Salvanera reminded members to give out their donation request letters to businesses.

Fundraising Committee Chair Abhishek Jagannathan reminded members to sell their Jamba Juice Fundraising Cards.

School Infrastructure Committee Vice Chair Isaac Chair told members to keep an eye out for an upcoming infographic from the committee.

Ian Nelson told members about the Google Calendar he created so that members can stay informed about meeting dates. He also told members that attendance at committee meetings will now be tracked on a Google Sheet that all Committee Chairs had access to.

9. Coordinator's Report

Youth Council Coordinator Kristin Tignac reminded members to tell friends and family members that Youth Council Talent Show sign ups were open at [www.bit.ly/yctalentreg](http://www.bit.ly/yctalentreg) until Friday, April 22, 2022.

Ms. Tignac reminded members to continue promoting Talent Show sign ups which are due by April 22, 2022. The sign up can be found by going to [www.bit.ly/yctalentreg](http://www.bit.ly/yctalentreg).

Ms. Tignac also reminded Ian Nelson that he is the next Youth Council Informational Report presenter to the City Council on April 25, 2022.

Ms. Tignac reminded the members about the following upcoming committee meetings:

- On Saturday, April 9, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., the Fundraising Committee will meet on Zoom
- On Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., the Social Media Committee will meet on Zoom
- On Saturday, April 16, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., the Talent Show Committee will meet on Zoom.

Ms. Tignac reminded members to save the date for the following events:

- On Friday, April 8, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the Youth Council TUPE event at the Simi Valley Public Library.
- On Saturday, April 23, 2022, for the Youth Council Escape Room Fundraiser, event time to be determined.

10. Adjournment: Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's Activity Center, followed by RSRPD Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.