



**SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 4:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.  
**Simi Valley Senior Center, Room 106/107**  
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## **AGENDA**

### **Special Meeting Time and Location**

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome/Introduction of Youth Council Members
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 from June 7, 2022
5. Correspondence
6. 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.

7. Informational Presentation
  - a. Overview of the Ralph M. Brown Act
  - b. The Basics of Parliamentary Procedure

8. New Business
  - a. Discussion of the City's Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner
  - b. Discussion of the Youth Council's 2022 Suicide Prevention Campaign
  - c. Discussion of Youth Council Polo Shirts for Outreach Events
  - d. Selection of the Social Media Committee

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.



**CITY OF SIMI VALLEY**

10. Coordinator's Report
11. Adjournment: Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., City Hall Community Room.



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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 5:02 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	E	Krish Kothiya	Alternates	
E	Sumaiya Akbar-SSHS	P	Rahul Naveen	P*	Mingxin (Dora) Deng
P	Abhishek Jagannathan-SSHS	P	Ian Nelson	A	Mingxuan Li
P	Joshua Chandran-SVHS	E	Aneri Pillai	E	Jasleen Sidhu
P	Ashlyn Ro-SVHS	P	Kalyssa Ro	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
E	Gracie Kim-HMS	P	Jacob Salvanera		
E	Jordan Downey – SMS	E	Rohith Saju		
P	Saydee Ro - VVMS	A	Alden Ta		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Community Services Coordinator; and Corinne Bridges, Emergency Services Coordinator.

Guests: Mayor Pro Tem Elaine Litster; Lorena Guereca, Community Liaison, Vista Real Charter School; David Rosenberg, Youth Adult Librarian, Simi Valley Public Library; and students Serena Jetely and Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from May 17, 2022

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the May 17, 2022 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

Youth Council Coordinator Kristin Tignac informed Youth Council members about Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's summer passport hiking challenge. She additionally stated that the YES Advisory Board would be hosting a summer YES Workshop series to help students prepare for the workforce.

Ms. Tignac also stated that Certificates of Recognition were received for each Youth Council member from the California State Assembly on behalf of Assemblywoman Suzette Martinez Valladares.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Students Serena Jetely and Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi reported that they were both attending the meeting to observe.

Lorena Guereca, Vista Real Charter School's Community Liaison announced that she had attended to observe the meeting.

Emergency Services Coordinator, Corrine Bridges, and Young Adult Librarian, David Rosenberg, both stated that they were in attendance to give informational presentations during agenda item 6.

6. Informational Presentations

a. Simi Valley Public Library Programs and Volunteer Opportunities

Young Adult Librarian, David Rosenberg, presented about the Simi Valley Public Library's upcoming programs and events. The Library's Summer Reading Program is themed "Read Beyond the Beaten Path." Along with the Summer Reading Program, the Library will be holding Teen Escape Rooms in the upcoming weeks as well as having one in July. Mr. Rosenberg also stated the Library was interested in coordinating a collaborative event for teens with the Youth Council and the Boys and Girls Club Leaders in training (LIT) participants for a larger scale program in the fall of 2022.

b. CERT Academy for Everyone 12 and Older by Corinne Bridges, Emergency Services Coordinator

Ms. Bridges gave a brief presentation on the CERT program. She discussed the format of the program and the many benefits it has for participants. She encouraged the members to participate in the program, which accepts everyone 12 years old and over with a current emphasis on recruiting 12-17 year olds. Ms. Bridges noted that those under 18 years of age must participate with a trusted adult.

For those interested in the next CERT class, participants would be asked to complete at least the first online course. To register or for additional information, call (805) 583-6263 or visit [www.simivalley.org](http://www.simivalley.org) and select emergency services.

7. Continued Business

a. Updates on Youth Council Fundraising Efforts and Events

Fundraising Committee Chair, Abhishek Jagannathan, reported that the Youth Council raised \$1,555 the night of the annual Youth Council Talent Show. Mr. Jagannathan also reminded members to turn in the money from selling Jamba Juice Cards or return the unsold cards to him or Ms. Tignac.

8. New Business

- a. Debrief of the Youth Council Talent Show on Friday, May 20, 2022, at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center

Youth Council members discussed what they thought went well and what they thought could have gone better during the Youth Council Talent Show. They discussed possible changes that should be made during future terms, such as moving the event to a different time of year and having a different voting method in place for the People's Choice Award. Overall, everyone agreed that the event was a lot of fun and went well.

- b. 2021-22 Youth Council Recap and Recommendations for the 2022-23 Youth Council Term

Each Youth Council member shared their favorite memory from the term and something that they think could be improved upon in future terms. Some repeating favorite memories were: the Talent Show, the Escape Rooms, the Simi Valley Youth Symposium, and the Rock Painting Night. Some repeating suggestions for changes were: to keep the Youth Town Hall and Youth Summit as two separate events, to increase promotion for events, to have less committees, and to try and prevent slower periods throughout the year.

9. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

School Infrastructure Committee Vice Chair, Isaac Tieu, gave an update on the School Infrastructure Committee's recent activities, including the Turn Down for Watts campaign.

Social Committee Chair, Ella McCrossan, asked all the outgoing seniors to respond to the questions that had been emailed to them for their senior spotlights on the @simivalleyyouthcouncil Instagram account. Ms. McCrossan also requested that all the members send either her or Ms. Tignac photos of their activities over summer for additional Instagram content. She also, for the last time, reminded everyone to follow @simivalleyyouthcouncil on Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube.

10. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac congratulated the 2021-22 Youth Council members on an amazing year that yielded many accomplishments; including meaningful annual events, fun new events, and not to mention growth as leaders.

Ms. Tignac complimented the Youth Council Talent Show committee, the members and local artists who made it happen.

Ms. Tignac reminded Rahul Naveen that he would be the final speaker to present the Youth Council Informational Report to the City Council on June 27, 2022.

Ms. Tignac announced that the next committee scheduled to meet was the Teen Crisis Resource Number Review Committee at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, June 10, 2022 via Zoom.

11. Adjournment: Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., location to be determined. Subsequent to the June 7 Youth Council meeting, the location for the August 16 Youth Council meeting was scheduled from 4:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., at the Simi Valley Senior Center in room 106/107.

Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.