



**AGENDA**  
**Special Time**

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 from September 5, 2023

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 Presentation

a. U.S. Department of Justice's Student Problem Identification and Resolution of Issues Together (SPIRIT) Program by Community Relations Service Conciliator Isael Hermosillo

7. Continued Business

a. Discussion of the 2023-24 Youth Council Work Plan

b. Discussion of the Youth Council's 2023 Suicide Prevention Rock Painting Night on Friday, September 22, 2023

c. Discussion of the Youth Council's 2023 Bullying Prevention Campaign

8. New Business

a. Discussion of the Youth Town Hall on Thursday, January 18, 2024

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, October 3, 2023, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

  
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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Acting Youth Council Chair Jiya Bhatt 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	Apollo High School Rep	P	Ethan Bhat	P	Jacob Peter Salvanera
P	Ella McCrossan-RHS	P	Pranav Bijith		
P*	Jasleen Khangura-RHS	P	Simran Dhillon	Alternates	
P	Abhishek Jagannathan-SSHS	P	Abhishek Humbe	P	Saydee Ro
P	Advaith Nair-SSHS	E	Tanvi Ijju	P	Junxi Chen
P	Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi - SVHS	P	Sanchita Karthik	P	Sunchana Sridharan
P	Anika Nedunuri-SVHS	P	Claire Menges	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P	Jiya Bhatt-HMS	P	Ian Nelson		
P	Rylan Downey-SMS	P	Divya Nunna		
P*	Sanjeev Akundi-VVMS	P	Kalyssa Ro		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Kristin Tignac, Community Services Coordinator.

Guest: Kent Alkire.

2. Agenda Review

Acting Youth Council Chair Divya Nunna asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There being none, by consensus the agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes from August 15, 2023

Acting Youth Council Chair Sanchita Karthik asked members if they had reviewed the minutes from August 15, 2023, and then requested a motion for approval.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the August 15, 2023, minutes as written was made by Abhishek Jagannathan and seconded by Ella McCrossan.

**Youth Council Vote: 20 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

4. Correspondence

Acting Youth Council Chair Junxi "David" Chen asked if any correspondence had been received.

Ms. Tignac stated that she had received an email from Jaimee Roark, Simi Valley Festival of Trees Executive Board Chair, thanking the Youth Council for past participation in their event. Mrs. Roark invited the Youth Council to participate in their 7<sup>th</sup> annual Festival of Trees event to help support cancer patients and their families. Ms. Tignac stated that event would be held November 15-18, 2023.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Acting Youth Council Chair Claire Menges reviewed the public statement and comment procedure.

No public statements or comments were made.

6. Informational Presentation

- a. Introduction of City Council Liaison to the Youth Council; Mayor Fred Thomas  
Acting Youth Council Chair Simran Dhillon continued this agenda item to a future meeting to accommodate Mayor Thomas' schedule.

7. Continued Business

- a. Discussion and Selection of the Youth Council Outreach Item

Acting Youth Council Chair Jacob Salvanera provided a recap of last meeting's discussion.

Youth Council Member Advait Nair reported that Santa Susana High School's Design Make Sell (DMS) program could make the polo shirts and hoodies for a "better quality", but at a higher cost.

Youth Council members reviewed the quotes received and members discussed which item(s) to order and preferred colors.

**Action:** A motion to approve ordering black polo shirts for outreach was made by Ella McCrossan and seconded by Jiya Bhatt.

**Youth Council Vote: 19 Ayes; 2 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

8. New Business

- a. Election of Youth Council Officers

Acting Youth Council Chair Jiya Bhatt reviewed the duties of all Youth Council officer positions and then led the election for Youth Council Chair.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as Chair: Abhishek Jagannathan, Claire Menges and Anika Nedunuri. Abhishek Jagannathan received the most votes and was selected as Chair.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as Vice Chair: Ella McCrossan, Claire Menges and Anika Nedunuri. Ella McCrossan received the most votes and was selected as Vice Chair.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as Sergeant-at-Arms: Anika Nedunuri and Ian Nelson. Ian Nelson received the most votes and was selected as Sergeant-at-Arms.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as Secretary: Jiya Bhatt and Anika Nedunuri. Anika Nedunuri received the most votes and was selected as Secretary.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve as Treasurer: Sanjeev Akundi, Ethan Bhat, Simran Dhillon, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi and Jacob Salvanera. Jacob Salvanera received the most votes and was selected as Treasurer.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve Abhishek Jagannathan as Youth Council Chair, Ella McCrossan as Vice Chair, Ian Nelson as Sergeant-at-Arms, Anika Nedunuri as Secretary, and Jacob Salvanera as Treasurer was made by Rylan Downey and seconded by Advaith Nair.

**Youth Council vote: 21 Ayes; 0 No; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

- b. Selection of the Youth Council Informational Report Presenters to the City Council on September 25, October 23 and November 13, 2023

Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Informational Report presenters, including completing a draft speech one week prior to the presentation. Jasleen Khangura gave a brief overview of her experience as the Youth Council Informational Report Presenter to the City Council on August 28, 2023.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to present: Ethan Bhat, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, Claire Menges and Advaith Nair. Ethan Bhat, Advaith Nair and Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi received the most votes to give the informational reports on September 25, October 23, and November 13, respectively.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve Ethan Bhat, Advaith Nair and Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi as the Youth Council Informational Report Presenters to the City Council on September 25, October 23, and November 13 was made by Jacob Salvanera and seconded by Jiya Bhatt.

**Youth Council Vote: 21 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

- c. Discussion of the Youth Council's 2023 Suicide Prevention Rock Painting Night on Friday, September 22, 2023

Ms. Tignac reported that Boba Time had not responded to her requests to host a restaurant fundraising event on September 22, 2023. She stated that she had put in a request to the backup, Yogurtland, which she immediately received notice that the request had been accepted.

Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan gave a brief overview of the event and funds raised in the past given to suicide prevention organizations. Due to lack of confirmation from Boba Time, Youth Council members decided to hold the restaurant fundraiser at Yogurtland from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., the day of the event.

Jasleen Khangura volunteered to create the flyer for the Rock Painting Night.



**ACTION:** A motion to approve the Yogurtland Restaurant Fundraiser with funds raised to be donated to a local mental health organization was made by Claire Menges and seconded by Saydee Ro.

**Youth Council vote: 21 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan continued the discussion for selecting the mental health organization to receive the donation to the September 19 Youth Council Meeting.

d. Discussion of the Youth Council's 2023 Bullying Prevention Campaign

Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan gave a brief overview of past bullying prevention campaigns that included a Stop Bullying pledge banner coordinated at each school and during the Simi Valley Street Fair and City Expo.

Members discussed having Youth Council representatives accept the Bullying Prevention Month proclamation that would be declared by the City Council during the meeting on Monday, September 25, 2023.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to represent the Youth Council in accepting the October 2023 as Bullying Prevention Month proclamation during the September 25, 2023, City Council Meeting: Sanjeev Akundi, Ethan Bhat, Pranav Bijith, Junxi Chen, Abhishek Humbe, Sanchita Karthik, Jasleen Khangura, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, Claire Menges, Advait Nair, Divya Nunna, Kalyssa Ro, Saydee Ro and Sunchana Sridharan.

Members discussed social media contact ideas, including awareness posts on the Simi Valley Unified School District's anonymous online tip form. Creating an informational handout to distribute at upcoming community events, such as the City Expo, was also discussed.

There being no objections, Chair Jagannathan continued this discussion to a future Youth Council meeting due to time constraints.

e. Discussion of the Youth Council's Participation at the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's Annual Heritage Halloween and Movie in the Park Event on Saturday, October 21, 2023

Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan gave a brief overview of the Youth Council's past participation in Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's Annual Heritage Halloween and Movie in the Park Event for program outreach.

All Youth Council members indicated an interest in volunteering at the event.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the Youth Council's Participation at the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's Annual Heritage Halloween and Movie in the Park Event on Saturday, October 21, 2023, was made by Ian Nelson and seconded by Divya Nunna.

**Youth Council Vote: 21 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

- f. Discussion of the Youth Council's Participation in the City Expo in Conjunction with the Simi Valley Street Fair on Saturday, October 28, 2023

Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan gave a brief overview of the Youth Council's past participation in the annual City Expo. Members discussed what activity to coordinate and resources to share.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the Youth Council's Participation in the City Expo in Conjunction with the Simi Valley Street Fair on Saturday, October 28, 2023, was made by Saydee Ro and seconded by Pranav Bijith.

**Youth Council vote: 21 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

- g. Discussion of the 2023-24 Youth Council Work Plan

Due to time constraints, Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan recommended forming the Social Media and Fundraising committees, then continuing the discussion of the 2023-24 Youth Council Work Plan to the September 19 Youth Council meeting.

The following members volunteered to serve on the Social Media Committee: Ethan Bhat, Jiya Bhatt, Abhishek Jagannathan, Sanchita Karthik, Jasleen Khangura, Ella McCrossan, Claire Menges, Anika Nedunuri, Divya Nunna, Kalyssa Ro, and Jacob Salvanera, with Ian Nelson, Pranav Bijith, Advait Nair, Abhishek Humbe, Sanjeev Akundi, Sunchana Sridharan, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, and Saydee Ro as committee alternates.

The following members volunteered to serve on the Fundraising Committee: Sanjeev Akundi, Ethan Bhat, Pranav Bijith, Simran Dhillon, Abhishek Humbe, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, Advait Nair, Anika Nedunuri, Ian Nelson, Jacob Salvanera and Sunchana Sridharan, with Claire Menges, Jasleen Khangura, Abhishek Jagannathan, and Jiya Bhatt as committee alternates.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve and establish the Social Media and Fundraising Committees as listed above was made by Sunchana Sridharan and seconded by Junxi Chen.

**Youth Council vote: 21 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

There being no objections, Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan continued the discussion of the 2023-24 Youth Council Work Plan to the September 19 Youth Council meeting.

## 9. Representative Reports

### Youth Council Reports and Comments

Ella McCrossan requested that a discussion of participating in the annual festival of Trees be added to a future Youth Council Meeting.

Ms. McCrossan also encouraged everyone to follow Youth Council on social media @simivalleyyouthcouncil.

Claire Menges requested to add a discussion on gun violence due to recent events involving local minors during a future Youth Council Meeting. Chair Jagannathan recommended the discussion be part of the work plan discussion.

10. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac congratulated Jasleen Khangura on her Youth Council Informational Report to the City Council on August 28, 2023.

Ms. Tignac also thanked the Youth Council members that attended the August 28, 2023, City Council Meeting to accept the September 2023 as Suicide Prevention Month proclamation.

11. Adjournment: Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 4:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

There being no objections, after a brief discussion, Youth Council members opted to extend the September 19 Youth Council meeting to two hours to allow time to discuss and finalize the 2023-24 Youth Council Work Plan.

Youth Council Chair Abhishek Jagannathan adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.