



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, September 17, 2024, **4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**
City Hall Community Room
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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 3, 2024
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. Mike James, Board Member, Simi Valley Education Foundation
7. Continued Business
 - a. Election of 2024-2025 Youth Council Secretary
 - b. Selection of the Youth Council Informational Report Presenters to the City Council on October 7 and November 18
 - c. Discussion of the Youth Council's 2024 Bullying Prevention Campaign
 - d. Discussion of the Youth Council's Participation at the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's Annual Heritage Halloween Event on Saturday, October 19, 2024
 - e. Discussion of the Youth Council's Participation at the City Expo in conjunction with the Simi Valley Street Fair on Saturday, October 26, 2024
 - f. Discussion of the Youth Council's 2024 Suicide Prevention Rock Painting Night on Friday, September 20, 2024
 - g. Discussion of the Youth Summit on October 11, 2024
8. New Business



- a. Discussion of the Youth Town Hall
- 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 1, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

/s/ _____
Anna M. Medina
Deputy Community Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Acting Youth Council Chair Arjun Prabhuram called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m., and Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large		
P	Jasleen Khangura-RHS	P	Ethan Bhat	P Saydee Ro
P*	Rylan Downey-RHS	P	Prithika Bijith	P Karthik Vishnubhotla
P	Advaith Nair - SSHS	P	Saanvi Daga	Alternates
P*	Nicole Kim - SSHS	P	Chloé Drury	P Nishta Kubsad
P	Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi	P	Abhishek Humbe	P Natalie Nguyen
P	Kalyssa Ro-SVHS	P	Kirtan Ijju	P Michelle Sebastian
P	Aman Sreejith - HMS	P	Tanvi Ijju	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant
P	Hannah Khalil – SMS	P	Lakshmi Julakanti	
P	Arjun Prabhuram - VVMS	P	James LeQuang	
		P	Rithmika Naveen	
*Arrived after approval of the minutes				

Staff: Ryan Fowler, Youth Council Coordinator

Guests: Jennifer Wigdor, Simi Valley Unified School District, TUPE Coordinator; Mahie Daga, Sahana Jetely, Gracie Kim

2. Agenda Review

Acting Youth Council Chair Natalie Nguyen 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 20, 2024

Acting Youth Council Chair Hannah Khalil asked members if they had reviewed the minutes from August 20, 2024, and then requested a motion for approval.

ACTION: A motion to approve the August 20, 2024, minutes as written was made by James LeQuang and seconded by Nishta Kubsad.

Youth Council Vote: 22 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Acting Youth Council Chair Kirtan Ijju asked if any correspondence had been received.

Mr. Fowler stated that he had received an email from the Simi Valley Apricot Festival asking for volunteers for their September 21 event at Strathearn Historical Park. The following Youth Council members volunteered: Jasleen Khangura,

Kirtan Ijju, James LeQuang, Tanvi Ijju, Lakshmi Julakanti, Prithika Bijith, Chloé Drury, Aman Sreejith, Karthik Vishnubhotla, and Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi.

Mr. Fowler shared that he had reached out to Ventura County Behavior Health regarding their Suicide Prevention Forum and received correspondence back that the upcoming September event was geared towards practitioners and educators, not students or general community members. They will be holding a larger community event in Spring 2025. Also, Mr. Fowler stated that he had received a flyer for the YMCA Youth & Government program and that their first meeting would be September 3, 2024, 7:00pm at the Simi Valley YMCA.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Acting Youth Council Chair Saanvi Daga reviewed the public statement and comment procedure.

Three students in attendance introduced themselves, along with their grade levels and schools they attend.

6. Informational Presentations

- a. California Friday Night Live Partnership – Jennifer Wigdor, TUPE Coordinator, Simi Valley Unified School District

Simi Valley Unified School District TUPE Coordinator and Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler shared information on the history, purpose, and structure of the Friday Night Live program. The Youth Council members expressed interest in the Underage Drinking Prevention program. The Youth Council suggested that Friday Night Live initiatives and projects could be incorporated into the Teen Wellness Committee.

7. Continued Business

- a. Discussion of Youth Summit on October 11, 2024

Acting Youth Council Chair Chloé Drury asked if there were any updates regarding the Youth Summit. Advait Nair stated that the previous Youth Summit committee had determined that Summit attendees could choose from the following topics of interest: Substance & Drug Abuse, Bullying, Cyber Bullying, Discrimination, Academic & Social Stress, Social Media, Peer Pressure, Poverty, and Violence. Mr. Nair shared the committee had researched the following options for boxed lunches and were submitting them to the Youth Council for a vote: Subway (\$9.99 per box), Jersey Mike's (\$12.53 per box), Corner Bakery (\$14.49 per box), Firehouse Subs (\$14.95 per box), and Chick-Fil-A (\$15.23 per box). After discussing, a motion to approve Subway as the Youth Summit lunch provider was made.

ACTION: A motion to approve Subway as the Youth Summit lunch vendor was made by Rylan Downey and seconded by Chloé Drury.

Youth Council Vote: 24 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

Mr. Nair reviewed the structure and different roles of the Youth Summit event, explaining that breakout group facilitators would be assigned once we had more finalized attendance numbers. Kalyssa Ro stated that the previous committee had determined she would be a videographer at the event, and that we still needed one additional videographer and one photographer. After discussion, Nishta Kubsad and Nicole Kim were nominated as the videographer and photographer respectively.

ACTION: A motion to approve Nishta Kubsad as a Youth Summit videographer and Nicole Kim as a Youth Summit photographer was made by Natalie Nguyen and seconded by Saydee Ro.

Youth Council Vote: 22 Ayes; 0 Noes; 2 Abstentions

The motion passed.

- b. Discussion of the Youth Council's 2023 Suicide Prevention Rock Painting Night and Fundraiser on September 20, 2024

Acting Youth Council Chair Ethan Bhat asked Natalie Nguyen if she had any updates regarding potential non-profits to donate the proceeds from the Yogurtland fundraiser to. Ms. Nguyen shared that she had researched the following options: The Trevor Project, HF Foundation, SAVE, AFSB, and Hope For The Day. After discussion, Ms. Nguyen recommended the Youth Council choose Hope For The Day as our non-profit beneficiary.

ACTION: A motion to approve Hope For The Day as the beneficiary of funds raised during the Youth Council's Yogurtland fundraiser on September 20, 2024, was made by James LeQuang and seconded by Advaith Nair.

Youth Council Vote: 24 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

After discussion, it was determined that Youth Council roles for the Rock Painting Night event would be assigned by the Fundraising Committee.

8. New Business

- a. Election of Youth Council Officers

Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler stated elections are open for the following Youth Council Officer positions: Youth Council Chair, Youth Council Vice Chair, Youth Council Sergeant-at-Arms, Youth Council Treasurer, and Youth Council Secretary. He explained each candidate would have up to five minutes to give a campaign speech. Rylan Downey volunteered to keep time. Mr. Fowler asked who the candidates for Youth Council Chair were and Advaith Nair, Chloé Drury, and Kalyssa Ro all indicated they were running. After the candidates gave their speeches a hand vote was held, and Advaith Nair was chosen as the 2024-2025 Youth

Council Chair. Mr. Fowler then turned over the meeting and administering of elections to Mr. Nair.

Youth Council Chair Advaith Nair asked for candidates for Youth Council Vice Chair and Jasleen Khangura, Chloé Drury, and Kalyssa Ro all raised their hands. After the candidates gave their speeches a hand vote was held and Jasleen Khangura was chosen as the 2024-2025 Youth Council Vice Chair.

Mr. Nair asked for candidates for Youth Council Sergeant-at-Arms and Nishta Kubsad, Aman Sreejith, Chloé Drury, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, and Rylan Downey all indicated they would like to run. After the candidates gave their speeches a hand vote was held and Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi was chosen as the 2024-2025 Youth Council Sergeant-at-Arms.

Youth Council Chair Advaith Nair asked for candidates for Youth Council Treasurer and Ethan Bhat, Arjun Prabhuram, Chloé Drury, and Karthik Vishnubhotla all said they were running. After the candidates gave their speeches a hand vote was held and Ethan Bhat was chosen as the 2024-2025 Youth Council Treasurer.

At this time, Youth Council Chair Advaith Nair asked that in the interest of time remaining in the meeting, if we could continue the election of Youth Council Secretary to the next meeting on September 17, 2024. There being no objections, the election of Youth Council Secretary was continued to the September 17, 2024 meeting.

ACTION: A motion to approve Advaith Nair as Youth Council Chair, Jasleen Khangura as Youth Council Vice Chair, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi as Youth Council Sergeant-at-Arms, and Ethan Bhat as Youth Council Treasurer was made by Nishta Kubsad and seconded by James LeQuang.

Youth Council Vote: 24 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

b. Committee Formation and Assignments

Youth Council Chair Advaith Nair stated that the following committees would be formed: Outreach, Fundraising, Youth Summit, and Teen Wellness. He explained that each Youth Council member needed to serve on at least one committee and could be on two to three at a time. Mr. Nair reminded Youth Council members that the size of the committees would be limited to less than a quorum. Mr. Fowler distributed forms where Youth Council members could list their committee choices in order of preference. Mr. Nair stated that the Youth Council Officers and Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler would make the committee assignments, based on Youth Council members selected choices, and inform Youth Council members of their assigned committees in the coming days.

Mr. Nair stated that the time allotted for the meeting was over and suggested continuing all remaining business, including the election of the 2024-2025 Youth Council Secretary, to the next meeting on September 17, 2024.

ACTION: A motion to continue all remaining Youth Council business, including the election of the 2024-2025 Youth Council Secretary, to the September 17, 2024 meeting was made by Saydee Ro and seconded by Nishta Kubsad.

Youth Council Vote: 23 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Abstentions

The motion passed.

- c. Selection of the Youth Council Informational Report Presenters to the City Council on October 7 and November 18

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9. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Youth Council Chair Advaith Nair asked if any members had reports or comments to present. Youth Council Sergeant-at-Arms Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi asked that the committee chairs, once chosen, send her the committee meeting schedule so she can help send meeting reminders. Kirtan Ijju asked what roles were available to Youth Council members for Rock Painting Night. Mr. Nair explained various positions including check-in/greeting, runners, and dryers.

10. Coordinator's Report

Mr. Fowler reminded members to turn in their Youth Council paperwork. He also reminded members that the Suicide Prevention Month proclamation would be presented next Monday, September 9, 2024 and asked who would be attending. The following said they were attending: Advait Nair, Abhishek Humbe, Ethan Bhat, Tanvi Ijju, Rithmiika Naveen, Aman Sreejith, Prithika Bijith, Kalyssa Ro, Sadee Ro, Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, Karthik Vishnubhotla, Chloé Drury, and Hannah Khalil.

Mr. Fowler stated that he forgot to mention during correspondences that the TUPE Advisory Board was currently recruiting new members. He explained this was a statewide board and distributed information about the board and how to apply.

11. Adjournment Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room

Youth Council Chair Advait Nair adjourned the meeting at 6:51p.m.