



**SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, May 26, 2020, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Zoom Online Meeting**  
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**AGENDA**  
Special Meeting Date and Location

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE STAY AT HOME ORDER AND THE COUNTY OF VENTURA HEALTH OFFICER DECLARED LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY AND LOCAL ORDER BE RESULTING FROM THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, ALL CITY BUILDINGS ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. TO FIND OUT HOW YOU MAY ELECTRONICALLY PARTICIPATE IN THE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING AND PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE REFER TO AGENDA ITEM 5.**

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
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. The following information is provided to help you understand, follow, and participate in the Youth Council meeting:

**NEW COMMENT PROCEDURE DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**  
Public comment is the opportunity for members of the public to participate in meetings by addressing the Youth Council in connection with one or more agenda or non-agenda items.

The following options allow for public participation:

- a. Watch the Youth Council Meeting live online at Zoom:  
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Or listen by telephone: +1 669 900 9128 Webinar ID: 987 7537 5294
- b. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please sign-on via this Zoom Link <https://simivalley.zoom.us/j/98775375294> and use the raise hand function when this agenda item is called. If you wish to make a



public comment, you must be signed into the meeting and available at the time this agenda item is called.

- c. Or, if you are unable to sign-on to Zoom and wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please submit your comment via email by 2:00 p.m. on the Tuesday of the Youth Council meeting to the Youth Council Coordinator at [ktignac@simivalley.org](mailto:ktignac@simivalley.org) and include the Agenda Item topic and/or your comments. These emails will be provided to the Youth Council prior to the meeting and made a part of the record.

6. Continued Business

- a. Discussion of the Virtual Youth Council Talent Show
- b. Discussion of the Youth Council Hosting Online Social Distancing Activities

7. New Business

- a. Discussion and Selection of the Teen Crisis Resource Number Review Committee
- b. Discussion of Scheduling a Youth Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2020

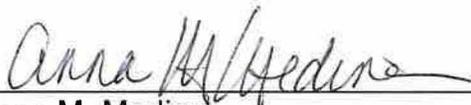
8. Representative Reports

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

- 10. Adjournment: Tuesday, June 2, 2020, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Online Zoom Meeting.

  
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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 Paige Barrella called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m., and Secretary Riya Manimaran took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
V	Vacant-AHS	E	Joshua Chandran	P	Tashya Vakil
P	Riya Manimaran-RHS	A	Xiaoze "Leo" Hou	Alternates	
P*	Anna Sorensen-RHS	P	Abigail Jiwanmall	P	Ashley Kilmnick
P	Paige Barrella-SSHS	E	Daniella Jones	P	Ella McCrossan
P	Om Patel-SSHS	P	Parsa Karamat	A	Ze "Daniel" Situ
P	Ashlyn Ro-SVHS	P	Rahul Naveen	Youth Council Cohort	
P	Sneha Sundaram-SVHS	P	Chandler Nelson	E	Grace Fausett
P	Abhishek AJ Jagannathan-HMS	P	Ian Nelson	E	Nikhita Sundarapandian
P	Meghna Behera- SMS	P	Frances Salvanera	P = Present E = Excused	
P	Kalyssa Ro-VVMS	P	Vivek Tarapara	A = Absent V = Vacant	
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: David Yoshitomi, Community Services Manager; and Kristin Tignac, Community Services Coordinator

Guests: City Council Member Ruth Luevanos; students Sanchita Karthik and Emily Peterson.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the April 21, 2020 minutes as written was made by Abigail Jiwanmall and seconded by Om Patel.

**Youth Council Vote: 18 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

4. Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Youth Council Chair Paige Barrella reviewed the new public statement procedure required due to the Zoom meeting format.

Council Member Luevanos said hello to the Youth Council and hoped all community members were staying well and healthy.

6. Continued Business

a. 2020 Simi Valley Youth Summit Debrief

Ms. Tignac reminded the Youth Council that they are expected to debrief the City Council on issues and concerns identified during the 2020 Youth Summit.

Youth Council members reviewed solution ideas for youth-related issues developed by each breakout group during the 2020 Youth Summit. To assist in prioritizing identified solutions, Youth Council members completed a series of Zoom polls.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the top five prioritized issues and proposed solutions identified during the 2020 Youth Summit to be presented to the City Council was made by Meghna Behera and seconded by Sneha Sundaram.

**Youth Council vote: 19 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

The following prioritized issues and proposed solutions will be presented to the City Council:

1. Group Topics: Teen Mental Health and Bullying  
Issue: Increase in mental health issues amongst teens, including stress combined with limited counseling resources.  
Solution: To increase teen mental health and wellness, establish Teen Center within close proximity to local high schools allowing for youth input on services, programs and activities.
2. Group Topics: Schools and Education  
Issue: Highly competitive process for college/university admittance combined with cost of higher education.  
Solution: To increase the opportunity for higher education, request that the Simi Valley Unified School District add a course dedicated towards completing the college admissions process and applying for scholarships.

- 3. Group Topic: Teen Mental Health  
Issue: Limited availability of local mental health treatment and services  
Solution: Build awareness of and/or increase availability of mental health treatment, including mental health hospitals in east Ventura County, as well as specialized adolescent group and individual counseling sessions,
- 4. Group Topic: Substance Abuse  
Issue: Access by teens to vaping and e-cigarette products.  
Solution: To reduce Teen Access, establish a stricter ordinance limiting the amount of e-cigarettes and vaping products that may be purchased or supplied in local shops/stores, including, advocating for Vape-Free Zones, where vaping is banned incongruence with regular smoking.
- 5. Group Topic: Substance Abuse  
Issue: Teen Vaping on middle and high school campuses.  
Solution: To reduce access at schools, encourage use of vape detectors in common areas of use, such as school bathrooms.

b. Discussion of the Virtual Youth Council Talent Show

Talent Show Chair Ashley Kilmnick announced that all Talent Show acts were given until Tuesday, May 12, 2020, to re-record performances for the competition, otherwise the original videos submissions would be used for the competition.

c. Discussion of the Youth Council Hosting Online Social Distancing Activities

Online Social Distancing Activities Committee Chair AJ Jagannathan gave a brief update on the top four ideas brainstormed by the committee that included hosting an online Jackbox Game Night, Trivia Night, a virtual Open Mic Night, and Online Bingo Night.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve hosting the first social distancing activity, an online Jackbox Game Night, on Friday, May 7, 2020 of was made by Ella McCrossan and seconded by Parsa Karamat.

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

**The motion passed.**

7. New Business

- a. Discussion of Request to Host an Online Zoom Meeting Regarding Vaping with the City of Edmonton Youth Council (CEYC) in Alberta, Canada

Ms. Tignac reported that she had been contacted by the City of Edmonton Youth Council (CEYC) in Alberta, Canada regarding the efforts the Simi Valley Youth Council has made toward bringing awareness and opening a dialog about the issue of vaping.

The CEYC had requested to do a joint Zoom meeting with members of the Youth Council on Wednesday, May 6, 2020. The following Youth Council members volunteered to represent the Simi Valley Youth Council during the Zoom meeting; Paige Barrella, AJ Jagannathan, Abigail Jiwanmall, Ashley Kilmnick, Chandler and Ian Nelson, Om Patel, Ashlyn and Kalyssa Ro, and Anna Sorensen.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve hosting a joint Zoom meeting with representatives from the Youth Council and the City of Edmonton Youth Council to discuss vaping on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 was made by Om Patel and seconded by Rahul Naveen.

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

**The motion passed.**

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Vivek Tarapara wished Youth Council members good luck with upcoming Advanced Placement testing.

9. Coordinator's Report

Ms. Tignac encouraged Youth Council to begin promoting the May 29<sup>th</sup> Virtual Talent Show to friends and family.

10. Adjournment

Youth Council discussed conflict with Advanced Placement testing taking place from May 11, 2020 through May 22, 2020.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve cancelling the May 19 Youth Council meeting and rescheduling the meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 was made by Riya Manimaran and seconded by Abigail Jiwanmall.

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

**The motion passed.**

By consensus, the Youth Council meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.