



**SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL**

Tuesday, September 1, 2020, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Zoom Online Meeting**

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**AGENDA**

**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 RESULTING FROM THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, THE CITY IS NOT CONDUCTING IN-PERSON MEETINGS. TO FIND OUT HOW YOU MAY ELECTRONICALLY PARTICIPATE IN THE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING AND PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE REFER TO AGENDA ITEM 6.**

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 August 18, 2020
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. 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.**

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- 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/93076652848> 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 4:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the Youth Council meeting to [youthcouncil@simivalley.org](mailto:youthcouncil@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.
7. Continued Business
- a. Discussion of Social Media Strategies
8. New Business
- a. Officer Duties and Election of Youth Council Officers
  - b. Selection of Youth Council Representative to the Youth Employment Service Advisory Board
  - c. Discussion of 2020 Suicide Prevention Campaign
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, September 15, 2020, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 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

Acting Youth Council Chair Ashley Kilmnick called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m., and Youth Council Coordinator Kristin Tignac took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large		
V	Vacant-AHS	P	Sumaiya Akbar	P Peter Wang
P	Riya Manimaran-RHS	P	Mattheus Brocchi	
P	Anna Sorensen-RHS	P	Synthia Mahmud	Alternates
P	Abhishek AJ Jagannathan-SSHS	P	Ella McCrossan	P Monishka Tanwani
P	Vivek Tarapara-SSHS	P	Rahul Naveen	P Jasmine Esmail
P	Ashley Kilmnick-SVHS	P	Zainab Neemuchwala	P Thaen-Mozhi Anand
P	Ashlyn Ro-SVHS	P	Ian Nelson	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant
P	Priyaank Srinivasan-HMS	P	Alden Ta	
V	Vacant – SMS	P	Maya Tauber	
P	Sanchita Karthik - VVMS	P	Rikka Tignac	
*Arrived after approval of the minutes				

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

Guests: City Council Member Ruth Luevanos; Vicky Gonzales, Staff Services Specialist I, Ventura County Public Health’s Tobacco Policy Program; Gabe Teran, Operations Specialist, Ventura County Office of Education’s Health and Prevention Programs; and student Trent Cobos

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes

Acting Youth Council Chair Rahul Naveen asked members if they had reviewed the minutes from June 16, 2020 and then requested a motion to approve them.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the June 16, 2020 minutes as written was made by Peter Wang and seconded by Jasmine Esmail.

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

**The motion passed.**

4. Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Acting Youth Council Chair Sumaiya Akbar reviewed the public statement and comment procedure required due to the Zoom meeting format.

City Council Member Ruth Luevanos welcomed the 2020-21 Youth Council and stated that she wanted to be an advocate as she was passionate about youth concerns. She also stated that she was glad to see the teen vaping policy recommendation discussion on the agenda. She commented on the wonderful job Youth Council members had done with the online activities held over the summer and thanked members for volunteering to serve on the Youth Council.

6. Informational Presentations

a. Youth Council Purpose, Goals, By-laws, Organization and Meetings

Ms. Tignac provided an overview of the Youth Council purpose, goals, by-laws, organization and meeting procedures of the Youth Council. She highlighted some of the Youth Council accomplishments to date.

Ms. Tignac also discussed the importance of the Youth Council's Work Plan in order to accomplish the Youth Council goals that members would set during upcoming Youth Council meetings.

b. Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected Officials and Members of Appointed Boards, Commissions and Committees

Ms. Tignac gave a brief overview of the City's Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected Officials and Members of Appointed Boards, Commissions and Committees, including its purpose, who it applies to and the ethical principles in the code.

7. New Business

a. Discussion of Teen Vaping and Youth Council Policy Recommendations

Ashley Kilmnick gave a brief review of previous discussions Youth Council members had had regarding teen vaping and that the issue was a prioritized issue in the 2019-20 Youth Council Work Plan, as well as a main discussion topic during the 2020 Youth Town Hall.

Ms. Tignac stated that as Council Member Luevanos had mentioned, during the July 27, 2020 City Council Meeting she had brought up having the Youth Council research and provide vaping policy recommendations to the City Council at its November 2, 2020 meeting.

Vicky Gonzales, with Ventura County Public Health, Tobacco Policy Program, provided information regarding current regulations and local ordinances, including a few options available for vaping policy recommendations.

Gabe Teran with Ventura County Office of Education's Health and Prevention Programs reported statistically significant results regarding vaping use from the California Healthy Kids Survey.

Ms. Gonzales and Mr. Teran, who were both on the 2020 Youth Town Hall panel, offered to assist the Youth Council with their expertise, including sharing the latest research on vaping and policy recommendation options.

Ms. Tignac recommended that a Vaping Research and Policy Recommendation Committee be formed to research, review data and policy options and then report back to the Youth Council during the September 15 Youth Council meeting.

Acting Youth Council Chair Ian Nelson asked for a motion to form the committee.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve a Youth Council Vaping Research and Policy Recommendation Committee was made by Maya Tauber and seconded by Sumaiya Akbar.

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

**The motion passed.**

The following members volunteered to serve on the Vaping Research and Policy Recommendation Committee: Sumaiya Akbar, Matheus Brocchi, AJ Jagannathan, Ella McCrossan, Rahul Naveen, Zainab Neemuchwala, Ashlyn Ro, Anna Sorensen, Monishka Tanwani and Peter Wang. Ashley Kilmnick and Riya Manimaran were selected as alternates.

b. Discussion of Social Media Strategies

2019-20 Social Media Committee Chair Ella McCrossan provided an update on the work the committee had done providing content for the Youth Council Instagram page over the summer.

Acting Youth Council Chair Vivek Tarapara asked for motion to form the 2020-21 Social Media Committee.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the Social Media Committee was made by Maya Tauber and seconded by Ian Nelson.

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

**The motion passed.**

The following members volunteered to serve on the Social Media Committee: Thaen-Mozhi Anand, Matheus Brocchi, AJ Jagannathan, Ashley Kilmnick, Ian Nelson, Ella McCrossan, Rahul Naveen, Ashlyn Ro, Anna Sorensen, Alden Ta and Peter Wang.

**Action Item:** By September 15, 2020, the Social Media Committee to meet and develop content ideas along with a proposal for establishing a Youth Council presence on other social media platforms, such as YouTube and Twitter.

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

Acting Youth Council Chair and Online Social Distancing Activity Committee Chair AJ Jagannathan gave a brief review of online events held on Friday nights during the summer. He also led a discussion about whether or not the Youth Council would like to continue hosting online social distancing activities and if so, frequency of events.

The following Youth Council members volunteered to serve on the Online Social Distancing Activity Committee: AJ Jagannathan, Sanchita Karthik, Ella McCrossan, Synthia Mahmud Rahul Naveen, Ian Nelson, Anna Sorensen, Priyaank Srinivasan, Maya Tauber and Peter Wang.

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the Youth Council's hosting of online social distancing events and selecting members for the 2020-21 Online Social Distancing Activity Committee was made by Riya Manimaran and seconded by Ella McCrossan.

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

**The motion passed.**

**Action Item:** All Youth Council members to promote the next online social distancing event, Scribbl.io, scheduled on Friday, August 21, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. To receive the online Zoom login information, community members were encouraged to visit <https://bit.ly/Scribblio>

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Teen Crisis Resource Number Review Committee Vice Chair Vivek Tarapara reported that the committee had met on June 23, 2020 and reviewed all of the 2019-20 teen crisis resource numbers. He stated that the Committee made a few recommended revisions, including a change in the placement of resource numbers. He stated that the crisis numbers would be printed the back of all middle and high school identification cards once school changes back to an in-person format.

Vivek Tarapara also reminded Youth Council members to email him their Youth Council Instagram Spotlight responses along with a photo. Riya Manimaran requested to change her spotlight photo.

9. Coordinator's Report

Council Member Luevanos reminded all Youth Council members that in response to extreme heat conditions, the City of Simi Valley had opened its cooling center for seniors and other residents that were vulnerable to heat related illnesses. The Cooling Center, located at the Senior Center at 3900 Avenida Simi, would be open from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. To check for additional cooling center activation days, residents were encouraged to visit the City of Simi Valley's website at [www.simivalley.org](http://www.simivalley.org).

Ms. Tignac reminded members that all Youth Council paperwork was due.

Ms. Tignac encouraged Youth Council members to start thinking about campaign ideas for September 2020 as Suicide Prevention Month.

10. Adjournment Tuesday, September 1, 2020, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Online Zoom Meeting.

Acting Chair Sanchita Karthik adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.