



AGENDA
Special Meeting Location and Time

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 from January 20, 2026
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. Continued Business
 - a. Debrief of the 2025 Metrolink Holiday Train Event
 - b. Discussion of the 2026 Multicultural Fair
 - c. Discussion of the 2026 Talent Show
 - d. Discussion of the 2026 Youth Impact Forum
7. New Business
 - a. Discussion of Youth Council Outreach Items
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, February 17, 2026, 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., Simi Valley Senior Center, Room 106/107

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/Welcome

Acting Youth Council Chair Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m., and Youth Council Secretary Saanvi Daga took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large			
E	Jasleen Khangura - RHS	P	Ethan Bhat	E	Daniel Sy
P	Rylan Downey - RHS	P	Mahie Daga	A	Flora Yuan
P	Nishta Kubsad - SSHA	P	Saanvi Daga	Alternates	
P	Jiya Bhatt - SSHA	P	Ashlyn Eddula	P	Avery Opp
P	Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi - sv	P	Vedika Gupta	P	Surya Ravikumar
P	Saydee Ro -SVHS	E	Sarina Khangura	P	Lauryn Weitzman
P	Aman Sreejith - HMS	P	Kishan Mehta	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant	
P	Claire Krier – SMS	P	Rithmika Naveen		
P	Brian Agak - VVMS	E	Dhiya Prabhuram		
		P	Elizabeth Rakowski		
*Arrived after approval of the minutes					

Staff: Ryan Fowler, Youth Council Coordinator

Guests: Kushi Patel, student; Karis Kim, student; Autumn Barona, student; Aarwin Narla, student; Mia Chima, student; Angela Tuazon, student; Diya Bonthu, student; Miranda Martinez, student; Heather Godfrey, Simi Valley Unified School District; Mayor Pro Tem Elaine Litster, City of Simi Valley

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from December 16, 2025

ACTION: A motion to approve the December 16, 2025, minutes as written was made by Elizabeth Rakowski and seconded by Kishan Mehta.

Youth Council Vote: 14 Ayes; 0 Noes; 2 Abstentions

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler reminded members that the Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE) substance use prevention conference was coming up on Friday, January 23, 2026. He also shared that the second part of the VCOE civic tour of the county was set for February 4, 2026. Mr. Fowler stated he arranged transportation with the City transportation department and asked which students would be interested in attending, and the following students raised

their hand: Brain Agak, Saydee Ro, Rylan Downey, Lauryn Weitzman, Elizabeth Rakowski, Surya Ravikumar, Mahie Daga, Aman Sreejith, and Nishta Kubsad. Mr. Fowler shared a flyer for the Soroptimist Stop Human Trafficking Awareness Month event on January 21, 2026. He stated that the Rotary Leadership retreat applications were still open and being accepted and encouraged students to apply. Mr. Fowler shared a community alcohol survey from Friday Night Live and asked the members to complete it and share with the friends and at their schools.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Students in attendance introduced themselves, the school they attend, and their grade level. Heather Godfrey, principal at Hollow Hills Elementary, introduced herself and asked the Youth Council to consider hosting a leadership workshop for her elementary leadership students. The Youth Council expressed interest and Mr. Fowler stated he would follow up with Ms. Godfrey to set a date for a meeting.

6. Informational Presentation

a. Mayor Pro Tem Elaine Litster, City of Simi Valley

Mayor Pro Tem Eliane Litster introduced herself and told the members about her background and history with the City Council and public service. The Mayor Pro Tem reviewed the City Council districts and the upcoming elections. She shared about her long-term project, a public amphitheater, and took questions from the Youth Council.

7. Continued Business

a. Selection of Youth Council Representatives for Informational Reports to the City Council

Acting Youth Council Chair Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi reminded the Youth Council member who was selected to give the informational report at the December 16, 2025, Youth Council Meeting. Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler reviewed the upcoming City Council meeting dates that the members needed to be assigned to. After discussion, the following council members were chosen for the following dates: Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi February 23, Saydee Ro March 23, Elizabeth Rakowski April 20, and Jiya Bhatt May 11.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council representatives for the City Council meeting dates made by Lauryn Weitzman and seconded by Nishta Kubsad.

Youth Council Vote: 16 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

b. Discussion of the Youth Impact Forum

Acting Youth Council Chair Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi stated that Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler was able to book the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library to host the Youth Impact Forum on February 23, 2026. Ms. Krishnamoorthi said that due to the size of the venue, attendance at the Forum would be capped at 110 people. She shared that Youth Council officers had met and determined they should invite students from Simi Valley Unified School District middle and high schools, Medea Creek middle school in Oak Park, Oak Park High School, and Westlake High School. Ms. Krishnamoorthi said the Youth Council officers were recommending the theme of the Forum shift to be more about discrimination and the breakout rooms work on student surveys, online safety, PSA creation, and how to advocate for your cause at public meetings. She suggested a new Youth Impact Forum title *Voices of Impact: Addressing Youth Safety In Our Community* and representatives from the Moorpark Community College Black Student Union as the keynote speakers.

ACTION: A motion to approve the breakout rooms and keynote speakers as presented was made by Kishan Mehta and seconded by Jiya Bhatt.

Youth Council Vote: 16 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

c. Discussion of the 2026 Youth Council Multicultural Fair

Inclusivity Committee Vice Chair Lauryn Weitzman stated that the Multicultural Fair would be held on March 20, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Santa Susana High School. She shared the sign-ups to have a booth or to perform were open and asked for the council's help in promoting those. She also stated the Youth Council would be helping with general promotion and decorations. Ms. Weitzman said they had confirmed the 805 Tacos food truck would be at the event and were looking for a possible second drink-based truck to attend. Members suggested Lucky Dog coffee and Mackena coffee.

8. New Business

a. Debrief of the 2025 Metrolink Holiday Train Event

Acting Youth Council Chair Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi, in the interest of time, asked for a motion to continue this item to the February 3, 2026, Youth Council meeting.

ACTION: A motion to continue agenda item 8a to the February 3, 2026, Youth Council meeting was made by Flora Yuan and seconded by Rylan Downey.

Youth Council Vote: 16 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

b. Discussion of the 2026 Talent Show

Acting Youth Council Chair Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi stated that the 2026 Talent Show would be held at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center. Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler stated they had been offered Friday, April 10, 2026, or Saturday, April 11, 2026, as the date for the talent show by the Cultural Arts Center. Mr. Fowler shared he asked for clarification as to whether it would be one show on each date, or two shows on one of those dates, and was waiting to hear back from them. The Youth Council discussed various themed ideas, settling on *A Night In Hollywood*.

ACTION: A motion to approve *A Night In Hollywood* as the 2026 Talent Show theme was made by Lauryn Weitzman and seconded by Surya Ravikumar.

Youth Council Vote: 16 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

c. Creation of the 2026 Youth Summit Committee

Acting Youth Council Chair Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi explained that a committee to start planning the 2026 Youth Summit was needed, as the Youth Council did not meet in the summer. Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler stated that most of the logistics planning for the 2026 Youth Summit should be completed by the end of the current Youth Council term, so that when the new term starts in August the new Youth Council could focus on outreach. Ms. Krishnamoorthi asked for volunteers and the following members raised their hands: Ethan Bhat, Surya Ravikumar, Kishan Mehta, Aman Sreejith, Mahie Daga, Elizabeth Rakowski, Brian Agak, Vedika Gupta, Nishta Kubsad, Claire Krier, Jiya Bhatt, and Saydee Ro as an alternate.

ACTION: A motion to approve the 2026 Youth Summit committee members as presented was made by Mahie Daga and seconded by Rylan Downey.

Youth Council Vote: 16 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

9. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Acting Youth Council Chair Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi asked for any committee or member reports. Teen Wellness Chair Rithmika Naveen shared that they were planning a Betting On Our Future youth gambling webinar for February 20, 2026. The webinar would feature a subject matter expert speaker and a student slideshow. Ms. Naveen also stated they were planning various activities to bring awareness to drunk driving, culminating

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in a fun run to support the Every 15 Minutes program. Vedika Gupta shared that they were working on creating a Suicide Awareness public service announcement. Outreach Committee Chair Saanvi Daga shared a schedule for filming more reels and stated that the recent Betting On Our Future survey received 111 responses in Ventura County, exceeding the goal of 100. Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler added that overall, the entire state of California received 1,221 responses to the survey, meaning the Youth Council solicited 9% of the total response. Fundraising Committee Chair Saydee Ro stated the committee would be sending out a spreadsheet to help track and coordinate members sponsorship request efforts. Ms. Ro also provided an update regarding Youth Council branded hoodies, stating they would cost \$27 per hoodie to produce. Ms. Ro asked for the Youth Council outreach items to be added to the February 3 Youth Council meeting agenda. Teen Crisis Committee Chair Rylan Downey stated they would be meeting January 25, 2026, and would be reviewing the various activities planned to bring awareness to drunk driving.

10. Coordinator's Report

Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler stated the new semester is going to be very busy for the Youth Council and to please be mindful of their time management. Mr. Fowler shared an upcoming bowling event for the Simi Valley Education Foundation and stated that the next Youth Council meeting on February 3, 2026, would be held at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

11. Adjournment Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

Acting Youth Council Chair Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.