



SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
Simi Valley Senior Center, Room 106/107
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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 February 3, 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. Informational Presentation

a. Dee Dee Cavanaugh, Mayor, City Of Simi Valley

7. Continued Business

a. Discussion of the 2026 Youth Impact Forum

b. Discussion of the Youth Council Multicultural Night

c. Discussion of the Youth Council Talent Show & Fundraising

d. Discussion of the Youth Council Outreach Items

8. New Business

a. Selection of a Youth Council Representative to Serve on the City of Simi Valley's Community Projects Grant Review Committee

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



CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 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

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m., and Youth Council Secretary Saanvi Daga took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large		
P	Jasleen Khangura - RHS	P	Ethan Bhat	E Daniel Sy
P	Rylan Downey - RHS	P	Mahie Daga	P 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	P	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	P	Dhiya Prabhuram	
		P	Elizabeth Rakowski	
*Arrived after approval of the minutes				

Staff: Ryan Fowler, Youth Council Coordinator

Guests: Joseph Ayala, City of Simi Valley; Megan Gately, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Institute; Aarwin Narla, student

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from January 20, 2026

ACTION: A motion to approve the January 20, 2026, minutes as written was made by Nishta Kubsad and seconded by Rithmika Naveen .

Youth Council Vote: 18 Ayes; 0 Noes; 2 Abstentions

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler reminded students that had signed up for the Ventura County Office of Education Civic Tour field trip that they were leaving February 4 at 8:15 a.m. from City Hall. Mr. Fowler asked if any other students were interested in attending and no one indicated that they were.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Megan Gately, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Institute, thanked the Youth Council members for the work they were doing in the community and having the upcoming Youth Impact Forum at the Reagan Library. She offered to support the students in anyway the Reagan could.

6. Continued Business

a. Debrief of the 2025 Metrolink Holiday Train Event

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura asked members to share what went well this year and what could be improved next year. Members mentioned that the campaign to increase the number of social media followers, the snowman craft, engagement and participation from the community, and the number of supplies were all positive. For improvements, members suggested adding a Venmo payment option, having an additional table, and more support / volunteering from the Youth Council members.

b. Discussion of the 2026 Multicultural Fair

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura asked Inclusivity Committee Vice Chair Lauryn Weitzman to share any updates. Ms. Weitzman stated the flyers for the event had been created and approved to display at the schools. She passed around flyers and asked Youth Council members to share and put them up at their school. Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler stated he would submit the flyer for distribution through the school newsletters. Ms. Weitzman said a volunteer signup form had been created and asked Youth Council members to sign themselves up and share. She asked Youth Council members to help with outreach to local cultural groups to have a booth or perform at the event. Ms. Khangura stated they were looking for songs to play at the event and asked members to add any suggestions to the Youth Council playlist. Mr. Fowler asked Ms. Weitzman to send him a list of decorations they would like to purchase and she stated they would be doing that soon.

c. Discussion of the 2026 Talent Show

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura stated that the date of the Talent Show had been confirmed for April 11, 2026. She said there would be two shows on that one day, one show a matinee and another show in the evening. Ms. Khangura shared that the rehearsal dates for the talent show would be April 7 and April 9. Ms. Khangura asked Fundraising Chair Saydee Ro to share any updates. Ms. Ro stated that a tracking sheet with different businesses to visit and assignments had been sent to the Youth Council members. Ms. Khangura reminded members that auction and raffle items were also needed for the Talent Show, and to ask businesses who did not want to donate monetarily if they would donate items instead.

d. Discussion of the 2026 Youth Impact Forum

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura led members on a tour of the spaces at the Reagan Library that would be used for the Youth Impact Forum, discussing what would happen in each room. Ms. Khangura passed out a

draft of the event schedule and discussed it with members. Members discussed an event start time of 8:00 a.m. or 8:30 a.m.; having three speakers spread out throughout the event instead of one at the beginning; having the speakers represent different types of discrimination including, racial, gender and sexual orientation, and physical or mental disabilities; having ticket boxed for each raffle item; writing names on the raffle tickets; scheduling the raffles; snack items including trail mix, gold fish, cookies, and Capri Sun. Ms. Khangura asked members to add upbeat songs to the Youth Council playlist. Megan Gately, Ronald Reagan Foundation & Institute, said they would donate items to the raffle. Mr. Fowler confirmed with Ms. Gately that the Youth Council can bring in their own lunch for the event.

ACTION: A motion to approve three speakers representing different groups that face discrimination was made by Kishan Mehta and seconded by Nishta Kubsad.

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

The motion passed.

7. New Business

a. Discussion of the Youth Council Outreach Items

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura led a discussion of the proposed Youth Council hoodie design and pricing. After discussion, members decided to charge Youth Council members the at cost price, \$27 per hoodie, and non-Youth Council members \$35 per hoodie.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Youth Council member price of \$27 and the non-Youth Council member price of \$35 was made by Flora Yuan and seconded by Mahie Daga.

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

The motion passed.

9. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura asked the committees to share any updates. Rithmika Naveen, Teen Wellness Committee Chair, stated that they would be holding a youth problem gambling webinar on February 20 as part of the youth problem gambling grant. Rylan Downey, Teen Crisis Committee Chair, shared that they were working on a series of events to bring awareness to drinking and driving including having teens sign a pledge and demonstrations with the Highway Patrol that simulate the effects of alcohol impairment. Saanvi Daga, Outreach Committee Chair, stated they were developing the PSA breakout session for the Youth Impact Forum. Fundraising Chair Saydee Ro reminded members to continue reaching out

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to businesses for donations and sponsorships and to update the tracking sheet.

10. Coordinator's Report

Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler reminded members that with the busy semester ahead to make sure they were being responsive to communications, setting and respecting deadlines, and holding regular meetings.

11. Adjournment Tuesday, September 16, 2025, 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., Simi Valley Senior Center, Room 106/107

Acting Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.