



AGENDA

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 17, 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. Selection of a Youth Council Representative to Serve on the City of Simi Valley's Community Projects Grant Review Committee on April 15 and 22, 2026

b. Discussion of the Youth Council Multicultural Night

c. Discussion of the Youth Council Talent Show

7. New Business

a. Discussion on the Field Day/Fun Run Event

b. Debrief of the Youth Problem Gambling Webinar

c. Debrief of the 2026 Youth Impact Forum

d. Discussion of the Cancellation of the May 5, 2026, Youth Council Meeting

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, March 17, 2026, 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 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 5:02 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	P Daniel Sy
P	Rylan Downey - RHS	P	Mahie Daga	P Flora Yuan
E	Nishta Kubsad - SSSHS	P	Saanvi Daga	Alternates
P	Jiya Bhatt - SSSHS	P	Ashlyn Eddula	E 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: Dee Dee Cavanaugh, Mayor, City of Simi Valley; Elaine Litster, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Simi Valley; Khushi Patel, student; Mia Khima, student; Angela Tuazon, student; Karis Kim, student; Diya Bonthu, student.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from February 3, 2026

ACTION: A motion to approve the February 3, 2026, minutes as written was made by Rithmika Naveen and seconded by Vedika Gupta.

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

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura shared correspondence from the Simi Valley Film Festival (SVFF). Ms. Khangura stated that the SVFF wanted to partner with the Youth Council to help promote the event and solicit submissions, and that a small committee had met with the organizers to discuss this. Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler shared that the Simi 250 4th of July committee was hosting a logo design contest and encouraged the students to enter. Mr. Fowler

shared correspondence from Brian Dennert, Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District Board President, who invited Youth Council members to lead the pledge of allegiance at an upcoming parks board meeting. The Youth Council received correspondence from the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center with a request to complete a survey. Mr. Fowler stated the Youth Council received an invitation from the Simi Valley Unified School District to participate in a listening session at the Ventura County Office of Education regarding strategies and tools for leading with compassion on March 3. The following students asked to attend: Jasleen Khangura, Jiya Bhatt, Sarina Khangura, Aman Sreejith, Saydee Ro. Mr. Fowler shared a photo contest from iKickButts, a program from the Center for Tobacco and the Environment at San Diego State University. Mr. Fowler shared a request from the Simi Valley Education Foundation for students to help with set up of the Foundations annual fundraising gala on February 21.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Students in attendance introduced themselves, the school they attend, and their grade level.

6. Informational Presentation

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

Mayor Cavanaugh spoke to the Youth Council about how she got started in public service and why she feels it's important. She shared that she tries to listen, learn and communicate, and talked in detail about housing, before taking questions.

7. Continued Business

a. Discussion of the 2026 Youth Impact Forum

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura reviewed the Youth Impact Forum schedule. Ms. Khangura stated that many of the students who said they would attend the Impact Forum still needed to fill out the registration form, and asked Youth Council members to follow up with the students they know. Ms. Khangura shared activity books that had been created for the event and passed them around for review and feedback. Ms. Khangura reviewed the role assignments for the event. Youth Council members were asked to bring laptops with them and to dress business casual.

b. Discussion of the Youth Council Multicultural Night

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura asked Inclusivity Committee Vice Chair Lauryn Weitzman for an update on the Multicultural Night planning. Ms. Weitzman discussed decorations and stated they had 18 booths and 5 performances registered so far. She asked the youth council to please continue to outreach to local cultural groups. Youth Council Coordinator

Ryan Fowler stated the flyer for the event had been approved by the district and he would send it to all the schools. Ms. Weitzman said they were still looking for volunteers and that the dress for the event would be casual.

c. Discussion of the Youth Council Talent Show & Fundraising

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura asked Fundraising Chair Saydee Ro to share a Talent Show planning update. Ms. Ro confirmed the date for the Talent Show would be Saturday, April 11th, with rehearsal on April 7th and 9th. She stated she sent out a form asking Youth Council members to pick their top two choices for roles during the event. Ms. Ro led a discussion of candy gram and flower prices, with the Youth Council settling on \$3 for a candy, \$3 for a flower, \$5 for both, and the note cards would be free. Ms. Ro said some of the decoration ideas discussed by the committee were a photo booth and a red carpet, but more discussions were needed. She asked Youth Council members to continue soliciting sponsorships and reminded them to also be asking for donations of raffle and auction prizes.

ACTION: A motion to approve the price of the candy grams and flowers as discussed was made by Saydee Ro and seconded by Aman Sreejith.

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

The motion passed.

d. Discussion of the Youth Council Outreach Items

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura stated that the feedback from the City and the youth in the community was to be bolder with the design, and have it be more youth oriented. Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler suggested thinking about it as Youth Council being the “brand” with a small logo somewhere on the sweatshirt, but the overall design be just “Simi Valley” and promoting city pride. Ms. Khangura gave the brand Brandy Melville as an example. She asked Youth Council members to resubmit potential design ideas for further discussion. Ms. Khangura stated that the youth of the community said \$35 was too much and then led a discussion of pricing. After discussion it was determined to sell the hoodies for \$29, a two dollar mark up over cost.

ACTION: A motion to approve selling the hoodies for \$29 was made by Flora Yuan and seconded by Claire Krier.

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

The motion passed.

8. New Business

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

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura asked Aman Sreejith to share his experience on the Community Projects Grant (CPG) Committee last year. After he shared, members asked Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler when the CPG Committee planned to meet. Mr. Fowler said the appointments to the committee were planned for April, so the meetings would be after that, but that he would ask the program coordinator. Ms. Khangura stated that the Youth Council would revisit this agenda item at the March 3 Youth Council meeting when more information was available.

9. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura asked the committees to provide any reports or updates. Outreach committee chair Saanvi Daga stated they were planning the Public Service Announcement breakout session for the Youth Impact Forum. Fundraising Chair Saydee Ro shared the Fundraising Committee would begin having bi-weekly meetings on Tuesdays in preparation for the Talent Show. Teen Wellness Chair Rithmika Naveen stated the youth problem gambling webinar was Friday, February 20, and asked Youth Council members to continue to help with outreach. She also shared that the fun run event for the anti-drinking and driving initiative had grown into more of a field day type event, with various games, sports, activities, and potentially a guest speaker. Rylan Downey stated the stadium at Royal High School was available on March 7th. After discussion, it was determined that it was too soon, and Ms. Downey was directed to ask for availability in May. Ms. Downey also shared that the Teen Crisis Committee was working on the anti-drinking and driving pledge banners and filming the youth problem gambling public service announcement.

10. Coordinator's Report

Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler asked members to continue helping promote the youth problem gambling webinar. He reminded members that although they have a few major events coming up, to please stay active in the ongoing initiatives like the film festival, the meditation stations at the parks, and the leadership workshop at Hollow Hills Elementary.

11. Adjournment Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., City Hall Community Room.

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.