



**SIMI VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.  
Simi Valley Senior Center, Room 106/107  
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## **AGENDA**

### **Special 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 April 7, 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. Discussion of the Teen Wellness Night on Friday, May 22, 2026

b. Discussion of the Field Day event on May 30, 2026

7. New Business

a. Debrief of the Annual Talent Show

b. Debrief of the Youth Safety Workshop

c. Discussion of the 2026 Escape Room

d. Discussion on the 2026 Youth Summit

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, May 19, 2026, 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., Simi Valley Senior Center, Room 106/107

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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 4:04 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
P	Nishta Kubsad - SSHA	P*	Saanvi Daga	Alternates	
P	Jiya Bhatt - SSHA	P*	Ashlyn Eddula	P	Avery Opp
P*	Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi - SV	E	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: Council Member Joseph Ayala, City of Simi Valley; Miranda Martinez, student; Adithi Muradidas, student; Khushi Patel, student; Sahana Jetely, student; Grace LeQuang, student; Sahasra Vadarelli, student; Diya Bonthu, student; Prithika Bijith, student; Aarwin Narla, student.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from March 17, 2026

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the March 17, 2026, minutes as written was made by Flora Yuan and seconded by Surya Ravikumar.

**Youth Council Vote: 12 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

4. Correspondence

Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler shared correspondences from Teach Democracy regarding their Civic Action Project contest, the California Association of Student Councils regarding their summer leadership camp, the County of

Ventura regarding their summer internship opportunities, and Ventura County Fire regarding a summer internship opportunity and a station tour.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Students in attendance introduced themselves, the school they attend, and their grade level. Adithi Muradidas spoke about the coding summer camp she is running from June 8<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup> on Zoom.

6. Continued Business

a. Debrief of the 2026 Youth Impact Forum

Youth Council Chair asked members to share what went well during the Youth Impact Forum and what could be improved next year. The following suggestions were made: more printed handouts and better time management for the advocacy breakout group; the advocacy breakout session group planning more in advance; the advocacy breakout session should spend more time on developing and practicing public comments and less on analyzing; the breakout session with Detective King was in a good location and could have been longer; the Public Service Announcement breakout sessions was very interactive, should have more opportunities for questions, time for students to share their own thoughts and experiences, students should create their own scripts, and more time; hold the event at the Reagan Library again; keep it interactive; spreading the keynote speakers out was good; having transition times; breaks were good; dignitaries should be assigned to lunch tables; the raffle was good; the ice cream sandwiches were good; the action plan groups should be bigger; the structure of the event was good; more time for breakout sessions; more time to work on action plans; try to have even numbers in the groups; check-in was complicated for students who did not turn in all paperwork; provide templates for the action plans; better directional signs and information; too many youth council members were assigned to be greeters; emphasize follow up on the action plans; give out more raffle tickets; have table topics at lunch.

b. Discussion of the Talent Show on April 11, 2026

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura asked for any Talent Show planning updates. Fundraising Chair Saydee Ro thanked everyone for their fundraising efforts and asked for everyone to turn in anything they had received. Sergeant-At-Arms Ethan Bhat stated he had confirmed a fundraiser at Wing Stop for April 11, 2026, and they would donate 10% of sales to the Youth Council. He reminded members that the Wing Stop was in the Regal plaza. Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler shared that they had received a registration to perform in the Talent Show from a horse, but unfortunately Cultural Arts Center management and City management would not allow the horse to be on stage. The Youth Council decided to

have a pet talent or animal talent category instead, and they would invite the public to submit videos of their pets' doing tricks. Mr. Fowler and Ms. Khangura asked Youth Council members to help promote this new category. Ms. Khangura reminded Youth Council members to promote and try and sell as many tickets as they could.

c. Discussion of Teen Wellness Night on May 22, 2026

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura reminded members they had set the date for the Teen Wellness Night event as May 22, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Teen Wellness Committee Chair Rithmika Naveen asked members if they wanted to hold the Unplugged Day and Step Into Wellness challenges again. After discussion it was agreed to hold the challenges and that gift cards or a prize basket would make good prizes. Ms. Naveen said the Teen Wellness Committee would discuss the specifics of the challenges and what gift cards to award. Elizabeth Rakowski stated she had contacted the police about participating in the event and that they had agreed to. Ms. Rakowski said she would coordinate with them regarding what specific activities they would have.

d. Discussion of the Field Day event on May 30, 2026

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura asked Teen Crisis Committee Chair Rylan Downey to share any updates for the Field Day event. Ms. Downey stated the Teen Crisis Committee was taking on the planning of the event so the Teen Wellness Committee could focus on Teen Wellness Night. Ms. Downey shared that the California Highway Patrol was unable to participate on May 30<sup>th</sup>, but the Simi Valley Police Department had been contacted instead and was available on that date. She said they were working on making the impaired goggles activity interactive by having the students try to ride tricycles around cones.

7. New Business

a. Debrief of the 2026 Multicultural Night

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura asked Youth Council members to share anything that went well at Multicultural Night as well as any improvements for next year. The following suggestions were made: having a Youth Council member also planning the event as a senior project was very helpful; the passports were good; the performances were good; having the Lucky Dog truck there was good; the diversity at the event was good, the outreach for the event worked really well; the interactivity was good; the timing of the event was good; the addition of the art show was a plus; the amount of trash cans was good; the decorations were good; communicating times for set up and booth arrival could be improved; booth attendance should be confirmed; more pins for the map; print more handouts; places with air conditioning if it's hot; scheduling shifts for youth council members;

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more clarity with volunteer times; volunteers should have specific assignments, speakers should be located in better places or have more speakers; some kind of lighting for when it gets dark.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura asked Youth Council members to promote the Youth Safety workshop with Detective King on Tuesday, April 14. She also reminded members the Youth Council would be presenting to the school board on May 19. Ms. Khangura asked if any committee had any other reports or updates that had not been shared yet. Outreach Committee Chair Saanvi Daga shared the Outreach Committee would be filming promotional reels.

9. Coordinator's Report

Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler reminded members to fill out the field trip to Lucky Strike Google form and reminded members to turn in their applications for the next Youth Council term.

10. Adjournment Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 5:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., Simi Valley Cultural Senior Center 106/107

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.