



**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS**

**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #3**

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026, 7:00 P.M.

CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM

2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

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NC #3 Chair	Robert Martins
NC #3 Vice Chair	Serena Kahm
NC #3 Secretary	David Kritzer
City Council Liaison	Council Member Joseph Ayala

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1. Call to Order/Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Agenda Review

This is the time to reorder and/or remove items from the agenda by consensus of the Executive Board. Any individual member who will be abstaining from a discussion item should announce their intentions at this time.
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Public Statements/Comments

This is the time allotted for public statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Executive Board not on the agenda. Statements and comments are limited to no more than three (3) minutes per speaker.
6. Informational Presentation(s)
  - a. Southern California Edison Governmental Relations: Energy Safety, Reliability, and Affordability

*No Action: Receive Information*
7. New Business
  - a. Election of Officers

*Action: Nominate and Vote to Select Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary*



8. City Staff Comments

9. Executive Board Comments

This is the time allotted for Executive Board member statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Neighborhood Councils, to give an Ad Hoc Committee Report, or to make any announcements related to community events and other items of interest.

10. Adjournment: Thursday, July 16, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

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Cynthia McCullough  
Deputy Environmental Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Chair Robert Martins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Robert Martins	P	Ellen Bebo	P
Serena Kahm	P	Richard Bebo	P
David Kritzer	P	Ashley Callinan	A
Steve Busco	P	Cheryl Deitrick	P
Andy Goitia	P	Melissa Hill	P
Nick Palky	P	Guy Nohrenberg	P
Donald Wismar	E	P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent	

2. Agenda Review

No changes were made to the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes

Andy Goitia noted that his Executive Board comment should read: Andy Goitia provided a brief summary of the Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) meeting he attended as the Neighborhood Council representative from NC#3, noting that the discussions were highly informative.

A motion was made by Serena Kahm and seconded by Andy Goitia to approve the March 12, 2026, minutes as corrected. The motion carried.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments

A resident expressed concern that the City Council may consider legalizing short-term rentals. He stated that public records indicate a Council Member had been contacted by Airbnb and encouraged residents to monitor future agendas for short-term rental discussions and to attend upcoming City Council meetings in May.

A resident stated that she is a longtime resident who feels safe in the City of Simi Valley and opposes short-term rentals. She encouraged residents to attend City Council meetings and share their views, emphasizing the importance of community participation.

A resident stated that he opposes short-term rentals in Simi Valley. He referenced a survey intended to gather resident feedback and requested that all data be released to the public in its original form.

6. Informational Presentation(s)

- a. Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) Community Traffic Calming and Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program – Simi Valley Temporary Demonstration Project

Caitlin Brooks, Program Manager for Transportation Planning from Ventura County Transportation Commission, presented an overview of the Community Traffic Calming and Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program and the upcoming Temporary Demonstration Project in Simi Valley. This regional initiative uses temporary, quick-build improvements to reduce vehicle speeds, improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, and evaluate the feasibility of future permanent changes. Potential project areas were identified using crash data, unsafe speed patterns, and equity considerations. Using Transportation Injury Mapping System (TIMS) data from 2018 – 2022, VCTC identified clusters of severe and fatal crashes to guide where demonstrations would be most impactful. Demonstration locations were finalized for the City of Oxnard at Wooley Road and Victoria Avenue, the City of Simi Valley at Sycamore Drive and Cochran Street, and the City of Ventura at the San Nicholas Greenway. Cities were asked to confirm their capacity to support demonstrations through equipment, staffing, setup and takedown assistance, and community engagement. The Simi Valley demonstration will include curb bulb-outs and median extensions. Community feedback will be collected through a StoryMap survey and by email at [SimiPSP@goventura.org](mailto:SimiPSP@goventura.org). Safety campaign materials will cover e-bike safety, wrong-way riding, safe driving speeds, and English and Spanish social media messaging. Parent and caregiver resources will address youth biking basics, route planning, e-bike guidance, and understanding bicycle infrastructure information. Upcoming actions include hosting demonstration events and community workshops in spring 2026, collecting community feedback, and preparing project engineering for summer 2026.

- b. Managing Hazardous Materials, Solid Waste, and Recycling Programs

Wes Yates, Environmental Compliance Program Coordinator from Public Works Environmental Compliance, provided an overview of residential recycling and waste services. The City of Simi Valley maintains an exclusive agreement with Waste Management (WM) for trash and recycling collection. Residents are reminded to place trash, recyclables, and organic materials in the appropriate containers with lids fully closed. Acceptable recyclables include bottles, cans, cups, tubs, paper and cardboard. Plastic bags and bagged recyclables should not be placed in the recycling cart, and food or liquid should not be left in recyclables. An overview of California Senate Bill 1383 was provided, highlighting its goal of reducing methane emissions through decreased organic waste disposal. By 2025, the law requires a 75% reduction in statewide organic waste disposal and a 20% increase in edible food recovery. WM has begun rolling out carts with the new statewide color

standards for new service accounts and for residents requesting replacements. Cart replacement is being completed gradually to minimize disruption and extend the useful life of existing containers. Residential services include two bulky-item collections per calendar year with up to four items per pickup, quarterly at-home Household Hazardous Waste collection, free landfill days, and free electronic waste drop-off at 195 West Los Angeles Avenue. Household batteries may also be dropped off at this location or at the Simi Valley Public Library during operating hours. Additional programs include a Move-In/Move-Out service, allowing residents to place three extra bags out on trash day. A 10% senior discount is available for qualifying residents aged 62 or older who are the account holder and reside at the service address. WM also offers no-cost backyard service for residents with disabilities or physical limitations. Eligibility requires a doctor's statement and a signed affidavit confirming no able-bodied person is available to assist with cart placement.

7. New Business

- a. Nomination of a representative to the Community Projects Grant (CPG) Review Committee

Upon conclusion of discussion, David Kritzer moved and with a second from Nick Palky to nominate Steve Busco as the representative to the Community Projects Grant (CPG) Review Committee.

The motion carried unanimously.

There will be no alternate representative from Neighborhood Council #3.

8. City Staff Comments

Kelly Duffy, Community Services Coordinator, announced Earth Day events on April 23, 2026, at Monte Vista School and April 24, 2026, at Atherwood Park. A regional community forum with City, County, and public safety leaders will take place on April 22, 2026, at the Tierra Rejada Golf Club, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. and required registration. A free Residential Clean-up and Recycling Day for Simi Valley residents is scheduled for May 17, 2026, at the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center, where proof of residency is required and households may dispose of two loads. Supervisor Janice Parvin's office is partnering with Ventura County Animal Services to collect donations for Adoption Kits through May 15, requesting new leashes, collars, treats, toys, and waste bags. The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District has released its Summer Activity Guide, which includes programs and events for all ages from June through August. City Council approved a \$250,000, 10-year plan to upgrade traffic signals, and the FiberCity project is nearing completion, which will allow real-time monitoring of all 121 traffic signals. Neighborhood Council Executive Board Officer elections will be conducted in May. Please consider nominating yourself for a leadership role.

9. Executive Board Comments

Andy Goitia congratulated the Youth Council on an outstanding talent show.

Steve Busco reported that local hiking and biking trails are increasingly overgrown and that rattlesnake activity appears to be rising. Staff provided him with contact information for the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District, the agency responsible for trail maintenance can be reached at (805) 584-4400.

Serena Kahm expressed her appreciation that the 2026 Simi Summer Activity Guide is now available.

Guy Nohrenberg noted he consistently learns valuable information at the meetings, highlighting today's updates regarding Waste Management's use of photos and video to document solid waste and recycling entering collection trucks, and the Ventura County Transportation Commission's plans to improve intersection safety through curb extensions, also called curb bulb-outs, and median extensions.

Nick Palky congratulated Robert Martins for his leadership as the Chair of Neighborhood Council #3.

Robert Martins encouraged Executive Board members to consider running for an officer position next month and added that he shares concerns regarding traffic and pedestrians' safety.

10. Adjournment: Thursday, July 16, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.