SIMI VALLEY

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL #2

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
2929 TAPO CANYON ROAD

AGENDA

NC #2 Chair	Gayle Sutton
NC #2 Vice Chair	Jerry Placeres
NC #2 Secretary	Michael Shaw
City Council Liaison	Council Member Rocky Rhodes

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. Stormwater Quality Management Program

      No Action: Receive Information

7. New Business: None

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: Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

   Chair Gayle Sutton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Gayle Sutton welcomed the newly appointed member and invited him to introduce himself.

Gayle Sutton	P	Lillian Jacobs	P
Jerry Placeres	P	Kenyon Harman	P
Michael Shaw	P	Hillary Herrera	P
George Bowman	E	Rick Herrera	P
Gloria Bowman	A	Kátia Moore	E
Al Brown	P	David Gering	P
Robert Guenther	E	P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent;	

2. Agenda Review

   No changes were made to the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes

   A motion was made by Al Brown and seconded by Jerry Placeres to approve the May 12, 2026, minutes. The motion carried.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Public Statements/Comments

   Resident Sam Cohen announced his candidacy for City Council District #2 and introduced himself, noting he was available after the meeting for questions.

6. Informational Presentations(s)

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

      Caitlin Brooks, Program Manager for Transportation Planning at the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), presented an overview of the Simi Valley Pilot Safety Project, a temporary roadway demonstration aimed at improving traffic safety and pedestrian conditions. The pilot location, Sycamore Drive and Cochran Street, was selected following a detailed crash analysis and multi-factor evaluation, with Public Works approving the final site. Temporary curb and median extensions, using cones, were installed to test potential safety enhancements. Survey responses from 62 participants reflected mixed satisfaction. While most did not expect the project to increase their active transportation use, referring

to human-powered travel such as walking or bicycling, 62% supported continued investment in safety improvements. Comments favored revised signal timing and consideration of alternative design options. Safety data showed lower vehicle turning speeds, approximately five miles per hour for southbound right turns and three to five miles per hour for northbound left turns, along with fewer crosswalk conflicts compared to typical conditions. Next steps include developing final engineering designs and presenting results to the VCTC Board on October 9, 2026. The City will determine whether to pursue funding for full implementation.

b. Water Conservation Program

Ramona Mejia, Environmental Compliance Program Coordinator, with the City of Simi Valley, presented an overview of statewide conservation efforts to reduce the use of potable (drinking) water for irrigating non-functional turf. She highlighted Assembly Bill 1572, which prohibits the use of potable water on decorative non-usable turf at public, commercial, industrial, institutional, and Homeowners Association common area properties, with tiered compliance deadlines beginning in 2027. Non-functional turf refers to grass areas that serve no recreation or community purpose, such as decorative strips along sidewalks or buildings, medians, roundabouts, and unused patches near signage. Residential properties are exempt. Ramona Mejia outlined the City's compliance efforts, including removal of non-functional turf at City Hall and other City-owned properties. These projects were completed at no cost to taxpayers through rebates from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and a grant from the California Department of Water Resources, managed by the Inland Empire Utilities Agency. Program goals include meeting state requirements, achieving significant water-volume and cost savings, improving irrigation efficiency, and creating visually appealing, drought-tolerant landscapes. The renovated civic center now serves as a model of sustainable public-space design. Resources are available at nonfunctionalturfca.org, with rebate details at bewaterwise.com/turf.

7. New Business: None

8. City Staff Comments

Kelly Duffy, Community Services Coordinator, welcomed the newly appointed Executive Board members and announced several upcoming community events, including the Free Residential Clean Up and Recycling Day on July 19, 2026, at the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center. She shared that the Simi Valley Council on Aging will host Harmony for Hunger on August 23, 2026, with proceeds supporting the Meals on Wheels program. The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District is offering free summer events, including Movies and Music in the Park, and registration is open for the Young Artist Playground Summer Camp at the Cultural Arts Center. The Simi Valley Public Library is hosting an art exhibit titled "Unearthed a Story." National Night Out will return to the Simi Valley Town Center

on August 4, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Ventura County Supervisor Parvin's End of Summer Pop Stop event will take place on August 6, 2026, outside the Simi Valley Public Library, featuring free Otter Pops and a meet-and-greet with the Ventura County Fire Department. She announced that the Youth Ride Free and College Ride programs have been extended through June 30, 2027, allowing Ventura County students to ride public transit at no cost with a valid school ID. Recruitment is underway for the next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Academy, held Wednesdays from September 9, 2026, to October 14, 2026, at the Simi Valley Police Station. Kelly Duffy noted that the City Council adopted the FY 2026-27 Annual Operating Budget and the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program on June 8, 2026, and that a measure proposing an increase in the Transient Occupancy Tax from 10% to 12% will appear on the November 2026 ballot. Kelly Duffy also reported that the City Council approved a letter supporting a feasibility study on transitional housing at the Samaritan Center. She noted that the study does not commit the City to funding or approving a project and that the City continues addressing homelessness through coordinated efforts between the Police Department and Neighborhood Services. She encouraged residents to sign up for the City Focus Monthly Newsletter to receive updates directly via email.

9. Executive Board Comments

Jerry Placeres inquired about the new construction along Tapo Street. Staff member Kelly Duffy reported that the mixed-use development at 2267 Tapo Street will include 240 affordable housing units and approximately 2,000 square feet of ground-floor retail or restaurant space. Of the 240 units, 48 units are designated for Very Low-Income households, 190 for Low-Income households, and two will be manager units.

Kenyon Harman provided comments regarding his experience as a contractor and shared general observations about construction costs.

10. Adjournment: Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 7:00 p.m.

By consensus of the Executive Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.