



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
SANTA BARBARA YOUTH COUNCIL**

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REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 4, 2024

Franklin Neighborhood Center, 1136 E. Montecito Street

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jeremy Solano Beltran called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Youth Councilmembers Present

Chair, Jeremy Solano Beltran
Vice Chair, Clara Stump
Second Vice-Chair, Sagarika Manian
Treasurer, Kieran Stone
Parlamentarian, Carlos Vazquez
Historian, Sindy Zavala
Ahtziri Bernal-Castro
Itzel Leon

Junior High Representatives

Amelia Leonardi – Junior High Representative

Staff Present

Nicole Morgan, Youth Council Advisor

Liaisons Present

None

Youth Council Members Absent

Secretary, Gwen Chenoweth
Publicist, Sophia Cruz (excused absence)
Amelia Vander May (excused absence)

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF AND LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS

Speakers:

- Youth Council Advisor, Nicole Morgan

Advisor Morgan thanked the Youth Council for staffing Trunk or Treat which hosted roughly 1400 community members.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Subject: Approval of the Minutes – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Youth Council waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting Monday, October 7, 2024.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Manian and Vazquez respectively, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting Monday, October 7, 2024.

Motion carried.

Members Solano Beltran, Stump, Manian, Bernal Castro, Leon, Vazquez, Stone, and Zavala

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Subject: Youth Council Applicant Interviews – For Information

Recommendation: That Youth Council interview students interested in applying to the Santa Barbara Youth Council during the Fall 2024 Advisory Board Recruitment Cycle.

Candidates Rumi Jahangir-Arshad and Victoria Martinez interviewed before the Youth Council for the voting member positions. Carter Saunders interviewed before the Youth Council for the junior high non-voting member position.

2. Subject: Candidate Forum Debrief – For Discussion

Recommendation: That the Youth Council discuss the recently held Youth-led Candidate Forum and make recommendations for future forum events.

The Youth Council commented on elements of the event that worked very well such as the meet and greet, the moderator, the intermission, the snacks and refreshments, and having several microphones.

The Youth Council discussed areas that need improvement for future forums such as more practice with the equipment and timer, more emphasis on outreach specifically on college campuses, less questions, and alternating the order of candidate responses.

3. Subject: Executive Board Vote on Appointment Recommendations – For Action

Recommendation: That the Youth Council executive Board make recommendations for member appointments to be sent to the Mayor and City Council.

After a very lengthy and difficult discussion, the executive board moved to recommend Nicholas Gaston and Rumi Jahangir-Arshad for the two vacant SBUSD positions. The

decision was shared with the entire Youth Council who moved to approve the recommendation from the executive board.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Manian and Stone respectively, to approve the Youth Council Executive Board applicant recommendation of Nicholas Gaston and Rumi Jahangir-Arshad to be sent to eh Mayor and City Council.

Motion carried.

Members Solano Beltran, Stump, Manian, Bernal Castro, Leon, Vazquez, Stone, and Zavala

4. Subject: Trunk or Treat 2024 Event Debrief – For Discussion

Recommendation: That the Youth Council discuss the 2024 Trunk or Treat event successes and areas that need improvement.

Members discussed the overall success of Trunk or Treat, stating that they are happy it has become a staple in the community.

5. Subject: Santa’s Workshop in collaboration with the Unity Shoppe – For Action

Recommendation: That the Youth Council discuss an approve gift wrapping dates for the annual Santa’s Workshop and discuss sending a written communication of thanks to the Unity Shoppe.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Stump and Solano Beltran respectively, to approve Monday, November 18th, December 2nd, and December 9,2025 as workshop dates.

Motion carried.

Members Solano Beltran, Stump, Manian, Bernal Castro, Leon, Vazquez, Stone, and Zavala

6. Subject: Youth Speak Out 2025 Event Planning – For Discussion

Recommendation: That the Youth Council discuss the 2025 event agenda, brainstorm discussion topics, and brainstorm desired adult ally panelists.

Members discuss maintaining topics such as public safety, mental health and inclusivity. Members would also like the focus of this event to be on other community resources and invite as many youth organizations as possible.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Subject: Youth Council Updates – For Information Only

Recommendation: That each Youth Councilmember take up to two minutes to update the public on specific current issues or events.

No Youth Council updates.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Next special meeting: Franklin Neighborhood Center
 1136 E Montecito Street, CA 93103
 Monday, December 2, 2024
 Start at 5:15 p.m.