



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

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SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, January 27, 2025

Franklin Neighborhood Center, 1136 E. Montecito St.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jeremy Solano Beltran called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Youth Council Members Present

Chair, Jeremy Solano Beltran
Vice Chair, Clara Stump
Second Vice-Chair, Sagarika Manian
Treasurer, Kieran Stone
Publicist, Sophia Cruz
Parlamentarian, Carlos Vazquez
Historian, Sindy Zavala
Itzlel Leon
Ahtziri Bernal Castro
Amelia Vander May
Nicholas Gaston
Rumi Jahangir-Arshad

Junior High Representatives

Amelia Leonardi – Junior High Representative, present
Carter Saunders – present

Staff Present

Nicole Morgan, Youth Council Advisor

Liaisons Present

None

Youth Council Members Absent

Secretary, Gwen Chenoweth

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF AND LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS

None

CONSENT ITEMS

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 of Monday, January 6, 2025.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Manian and Cruz respectively, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting Monday, January 6, 2025.

Motion carried.

Members Solano Beltran, Stump, Manian, Bernal-Castro, Gaston, Stone, Cruz, Vazquez, Jahangir-Arshad, Vander May, and Zavala are in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Subject: Youth Speak Out Event Planning – For Action

Recommendation: That the Youth Council review and approve the event flyer, Instagram reel content, invitations to adult allies, table topic titles, registration form, and assign members to lead discussions.

Youth Council members reviewed materials and discussed editing the flyer to update the photo, correct a typo on the registration form, and approve members Bernal-Castro, Solano Beltran, Vazquez, Leon, Cruz, Zavala, Gaston, and Jahangir-Arshad to film promotional Instagram content. Members discussed assigning the following duties:

- Environment and Sustainability – Clara Stump, Jeremy Solano Beltran, Ahtziri Bernal-Castro
- Public Spaces for Teens: State Street – Amelia Vander May, Nicholas Gaston, Carter Saunders
- Mental Wellness – Sagarika Manian, Kieran Stone, Itzel Leon, Amelia Leonardi
- Anti-Discrimination – Carlos Vazquez, Rumi Jahangir-Arshad, Sindy Zavala
- Photographer – Sindy Zavala
- Registration Table – Sindy Zavala, Itzel, Amelia Leonardi

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Stump and Manian respectively, to approve the Youth Speak Out flyer, Instagram reel ideas, adult allies, registration form, and assigned members to lead table topics.

Motion carried.

Members Solano Beltran, Stump, Manian, Bernal-Castro, Gaston, Stone, Cruz, Vazquez, Jahangir-Arshad, Vander May, and Zavala are in favor.

2. Subject: Youth Council Subcommittee Reports– For Discussion

Recommendation: That the Youth Council provide updates about the tasks being completed in the Design, Harriet Miller Ad Hoc, Youth Speak Out, and Outreach subcommittees.

- Design Subcommittee completed the flyer (Nicholas Gaston) and has brainstormed ideas for the Instagram reels.
- Harriet Miller Subcommittee – met to revise the application and approved new essay prompts. Will meet again after February 5th to declare a recipient.
- Youth Making Change Grant Subcommittee – awaiting results from the Youth Making Change grant, completed registration form (Amelia Vander May)

3. Resolution and Bylaw Amendment Recommendations – For Action

Recommendation: That the Youth Council review the amendments recommended by the Ad Hoc Subcommittee and approve staff to move forward with creating a draft of the amended resolution and bylaws.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Stump and Zavala respectively, to staff move forward with preparing a draft reflecting these approved recommendations.

Motion carried.

Members Solano Beltran, Stump, Manian, Bernal-Castro, Gaston, Stone, Cruz, Vazquez, Jahangir-Arshad, Vander May, and Zavala are in favor.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Subject: Youth Council Updates - For Information

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

Sophia Cruz – Mental wellness program at Cate school, if successful can be pitched to the Unified; MLK day chef who spoke on food activism and other workshops; can we have a rep speak to student rights and what is being done at the local level,
Carlos – topic of immigration and what students can do to educate themselves.
Amelia Vander May – Attended the Women’s March and heard a speaker talk about the difference between disinformation and misinformation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Next special meeting:

**Franklin Neighborhood Center
1136 E. Montecito Street
Monday, February 3, 2025**