



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

**SANTA BARBARA YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, February 3, 2025**

**Franklin Neighborhood Center, 1136 E. Montecito St.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

**Youth Council Members Present**

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

**Junior High Representatives**

Amelia Leonardi – present  
Carter Saunders – present

**Staff Present**

Nicole Morgan, Youth Council Advisor

**Liaisons Present**

None

**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 special meeting of Monday, January 27, 2025.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Manian and Cruz respectively, to approve the minutes for the special meeting Monday, January 27, 2025.  
Motion carried.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Subject: Youth Making Change Grant – For Discussion**

Recommendation: The Youth Council has been awarded \$2,000.00 from the Fund for Santa Barbara Youth Making Change Grant to support the 2025 Youth Speak Out. The Youth Making Change Subcommittee shall begin drafting an acceptance letter and designate a representative to attend the Awards Celebration on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Westside Neighborhood Center.

Youth Council members who can potentially attend are Nicholas Gaston, Kieran Stone, Sophia Cruz, Sagarika Manian and Jeremy Solano Beltran.

### **2. Subject: Youth Speak Out Break-Out Groups– For Discussion**

Recommendation: That the Youth Council work in groups to complete the following: event table discussion prompts, invitation letter to adult allies, event format outline, and a letter of acceptance for the Youth Making Change Awards Celebration.

Youth Council members met in table leader groups to brainstorm questions for their discussion topic of choice.

## **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.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Next special meeting:

**Franklin Neighborhood Center  
1136 E. Montecito Street  
Monday, February 24, 2025**