



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

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REGULAR MEETING

Monday, February 24, 2025

Franklin Neighborhood Center, 1136 E. Montecito St.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jeremy Solano Beltran called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Youth Council Members

Chair, Jeremy Solano Beltran - present
Vice Chair, Clara Stump - present
Second Vice-Chair, Sagarika Manian - present
Treasurer, Kieran Stone – present 5:55 p.m.
Secretary, Gwen Chenoweth- present
Publicist, Sophia Cruz – Absent/excused
Parlamentarian, Carlos Vazquez
Historian, Sindy Zavala - present
Bernal-Castro, Ahtziri – Absent/excused
Vander May, Amelia- present
Gaston, Nicholas- present
Leon, Itzel – present 5:30 p.m.
Jahangir-Arshad, Rumi- present

Junior High Representatives

Amelia Leonardi – present
Carter Saunders – present

Staff Present

Nicole Morgan, Youth Council Advisor
Councilmember Oscar Gutierrez, Council Liaison

Liaisons Present

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF AND LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS

Nicole Morgan – Update on the Youth Making Change Awards Celebration and Harriet Miller Youth Leadership Award Recipient

Councilmember Oscar Gutierrez – E-bikes discussion at Council and current ICE raids in Santa Barbara.

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, February 3, 2025.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Manian and Zavala respectively, to approve the minutes for the special meeting Monday, February 3, 2025.
Motion carried.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Subject: Advisory Board Resignation and Application Deadlines – For Information

Recommendation: The Youth Council review the Spring 2025 Recruitment Cycle Important dates.

- Resignations due: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
- Applications due: Friday, March 21, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
- Interviews by Santa Barbara City Council: April 8, April 15, April 22
- Appointments, May 20, 2025

2. Subject: Youth Council Applicant Interview Dates – For Action

Recommendation: That the Youth Council approve the following dates for Youth Council applicant interviews for the Spring 2025 Recruitment cycle.

- Monday, March 3, 2025
- Monday, March 17, 2025
- Monday, April 7, 2025
- Monday, April 21, 2025

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Manian and Gaston respectively, to approve the March 3, March 17, and April 7 as interview dates for applicants and vote on nominations on April 21, 2025.

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

3. Subject: Youth Speak Out Break-Out Groups – For Discussion

Recommendation: That the Youth Council work in groups to review the following.

- Event table discussion prompts
- Panelist questions
- Event format outline
- Invoices for event materials

The Youth Council reviewed event materials, invoices, and decided on 4 questions to assist in leading the Youth Speak Out panel Q&A.

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.

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Next regular meeting:

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