

Valerie Bechtold Commissioner  
Blanca Figueroa, Commissioner  
Naomi Lopez, Commissioner  
Rudy Lopez, Commissioner  
Alejandro Miramontes De Anda,  
Commissioner



Andrés González,  
Commission Secretary

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SOUTH EL MONTE PATRIOTIC COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

July 26, 2023 6:00 PM  
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

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Andrés González, Transportation and Senior Services Manager  
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**AGENDA BEGINS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners: Bechtold, Figueroa, Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Naomi Lopez

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

None

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By motion of the Patriotic Commission, this is the time to notify the public of any changes to the agenda, remove items from consent calendar for individual consideration and/or rearrange the order of the agenda.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Speakers may provide public comments on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Patriotic Commission, including items on the agenda. Each speaker may speak up to five minutes. Unless a majority of the Patriotic Commission objects, the Chair may provide speakers more or less time to speak. All comments or queries shall be addressed to the Commission as a body and not to any specific member thereof. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(a)(2), the Ralph M. Brown Act, no action or discussion by the Commission shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except to briefly provide information, ask for clarification, provide direction to staff, or schedule a matter for a future meeting.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Items on the consent calendar are considered to be routine and customary and are enacted by a single motion with the exception of items previously removed by a member of the Patriotic Commission during "Approval of the Agenda" for individual consideration. Any items removed shall be individually considered immediately after taking action on the Consent Calendar.

**6a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR June 28, 2023**

Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the June 28, 2023, Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Commission approve the Minutes for the Regular Commission Meeting of June 28, 2023.

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7a. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIRP**

The Patriotic Commission will consider appointing a Chair and Vice-Chair from among its members. The term of office shall be until December 2023.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends that the Commission select a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from among its members. The term of office shall be for 5 months.

**7b. ACTIVE MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Review and approve the Active Military Banner Program Application for Freddy Davalos Ochoa

**7c. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DARK PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING DATE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2023**

Staff recommends the Commission to approve “going dark” on Wednesday, August 23, 2023.

**8. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS**

AB 1234 requires that commission members must briefly report, orally or in writing, on meetings/events attended at City expense (for example, luncheons, city special events, conferences, etc.) at the Patriotic Commission meeting following the meeting/event.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**10. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA**

**9a. COMMISSIONER BLANCA FIGUEROA**

1. Discussion of the consideration to request a full page colorful patriotic ad in the City of South El Monte newsletter to display what's available for South El Monte Veterans, Soldiers and family members of military members: Military Lapel Pin (blow up pin) Patriotic Monument Program, Active Military Banner Program, Military Bumper Sticker Program, Pictures of Military Parking Spaces at City hall, Senior and Community Centers. List program guidelines to qualify for each program. Show any and all pictures of Memorial Day and Veterans Day, including pictures

of the Patriotic Commissioners with names and titles so residents know who makes up the commission.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Discussion and/or action to forward to City Council for approval.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Wednesday, September 27, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

I Andrés González, hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted not less than 72 hours at the following locations: City of South El Monte City Hall, Senior Center and Community Center and made available at [www.cityofsouthelmonte.org](http://www.cityofsouthelmonte.org) on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

  
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Andrés González, Secretary



## Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. 6. a.

**DATE:** July 26, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Chair and Members of the Patriotic Commission

**FROM:** André González, Senior Services Supervisor

**SUBJECT:** CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR June 28, 2023

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**SUMMARY:** Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the June 28, 2023, Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends Patriotic Commission approve the Minutes of the Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting of June 28, 2023.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

A. June 28, 2023, Minutes



**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE  
REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING - MINUTES  
Wednesday, June 28, 2023 – 6:00 PM**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Chair Blanca Figueroa called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

PRESENT: Commissioner(s): Bechtold, Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda, Vice Chair Lopez (Naomi), and Chair Figueroa

ABSENT: Commissioner Miramontes De Anda

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Commissioner Rudy Lopez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations at this time.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Bechtold joined the meeting at 6:02 PM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bechtold seconded by Lopez (Rudy) to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried, 4-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Bechtold, Lopez (Rudy),  
Vice Chair Lopez (Naomi), and Chair Figueroa

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Miramontes De Anda

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Figueroa opened public comments. Mayor Olmos invited the Patriotic Commission Board to the 4th of July City Event on Saturday, July 1st. Seeing that there was no one wishing to speak, Chair Figueroa closed public comments.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Miramontes De Anda to approve the Consent Calendar as amended. Motion carried 4-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Bechtold, Lopez (Rudy),  
Vice Chair Lopez (Naomi), and Chair Figueroa

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Miramontes De Anda

**6.a.** Approved Minutes for the Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting held May 24, 2023.

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7a. Rotation of Chair and Vice Chair**

Mr. Gonzalez informed the commissioners that next month the Patriotic Commissioners will need to select a chair and vice chair amongst themselves to serve the rest of the term that will end in December 2023.

### **7b. Update on The Revisions Requested on The Flyer to Promote the City's Military Programs.**

Mr. Gonzalez presented the Patriotic Commission Board with the revised military programs flyer. Chair Figueroa asked staff if they can please research if the military branch seals are in the correct order. She also asked if the POW flag can be added to the flyer. Mr. Gonzales stated that staff will research the order of the military branch seals order and will make the necessary corrections.

AYES: Commissioner(s): Bechtold, Lopez (Rudy),  
Vice Chair Lopez (Naomi), and Chair Figueroa

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Miramontes De Anda

### **7c. Blue Star Service Banner Program Research Update**

A motion was made by Chair Lopez (Naomi) seconded by commissioner Bechtold to have staff more research the pricing of a decal or window banner.

AYES: Commissioner(s): Bechtold, Lopez (Rudy),  
Vice Chair Lopez (Naomi), and Chair Figueroa

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Miramontes De Anda

## 8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

Vice Chair Lopez (Naomi) mentioned that she attended the Memorial Day Ceremony and the Senior Services' Father's Day Luncheon

Commissioner Bechtold mentioned that she attended the Memorial Day and the concert.

Commissioner Lopez (Rudy) mentioned that he attended the Memorial Day Ceremony and the Senior Services' Father's Day Luncheon.

Chair Figueroa mentioned that she attended the Memorial Day Ceremony, Senior Services Father's Day Luncheon, and the Older American of the Year Luncheon.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

## 10. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA

### 9a. COMMISSIONER BLANCA FIGUEROA

1. Discussion of the consideration to purchase Blue Star Lapel pins for the soldier's parent, spouse, or loved once who is actively currently serving overseas in the US Army, US Air Force, Us Navy, US Marines, Us Coast Guard. Must show proof of service. These are to be presented by City Council.

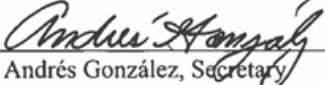
Mr. Gonzalez asked the commission to consider tabling this item He stated that during the past 12 months there has been only a few applications received for the City's current military programs. He recommended for the item to be tabled and revisited in a few months. In the meantime, he recommended for the commission and staff to concentrate on promoting the City's current military recognition programs.

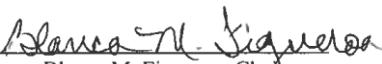
2. Discussion of the writing letters drawing pictures for our US Service Men and Women Soldiers on our 4th of July city event. Have a US Mailbox to drop them off by the person writing the letter.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that staff would coordinate with Community Services to secure the necessary supplies for the public to write letters. Vice Chair Naomi Lopez requested four chairs at the booth for Patriotic Commissioners. She also requested to have water for the commissioners at the booth.

## 1. ADJOURN COMMISSION MEETING

There being no further business coming before this body, at 7:37 p.m. Chair Figueroa adjourned the meeting to a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

  
Andrés González, Secretary

  
Blanca M. Figueroa, Chair



## Commission Agenda Report Agenda Item No. 7. a.

**DATE:** July 26, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Chair and Members of the Patriotic Commission

**FROM:** André González, Transportation & Senior Services Manager

**SUBJECT:** SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

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**SUMMARY:** The Patriotic Commission will appoint a Chair and Vice Chair from among its members. The term office of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall be until December 2023.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends for the Commission to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair amongst its members for a term of 5 months.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** The Chair and Vice-Chair is now vacant due to the passing of Ordinance No. 1266 by City Council on June 13, 2023. The ordinance re-instated the term of chairperson for each commission as a 1-year term. The proposed ordinance would also re-instate the process of selection of a chairperson via motion by the sitting commissioners of each respective commission.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None.



## Commission Agenda Report Agenda Item No. 7. b.

**DATE:** July 26, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Chair and Members of the Patriotic Commission

**FROM:** Andrés González, Transportation & Senior Services Manager

**SUBJECT:** ACTIVE MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM APPLICATION

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**SUMMARY:** The City of South El Monte Active Military Banner Program was created for the community to honor and recognize those brave individuals that are actively serving in the United States Armed Forces. Each banner has the name and branch of the serviceperson currently serving in the military.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Commission to approve the application received for Freddy Davalos Ochoa

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The approximate cost per street banner is \$150. Families are responsible for paying \$50 and the remaining balance of \$100 is allocated from the Patriotic Commission budget for FY 2023-2024.

**DISCUSSION:** Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Banners are installed annually from January through October. All banners are returned to families during the City's Veteran's Day Ceremony in November. Banners are displayed along major streets in South El Monte.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**



## Commission Agenda Report Agenda Item No. 7. c.

**DATE:** July 26, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Chair and Members of the Patriotic Commission

**FROM:** Andrés González, Senior Services Supervisor

**SUBJECT:** APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DARK PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING DATE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2023

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**SUMMARY:** Each year during the month of August, the Patriotic Commission takes a recess and does not hold meetings.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Commission to approve “going dark” on Wednesday, August 23, 2023.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**DISCUSSION:**

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None.