

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



Jayson Perez,  
Commission Secretary

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

**AGENDA**

September 27, 2023 6:00 PM  
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

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**AGENDA BEGINS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE**

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Rudy 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 THE REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 26, 2023**

Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the July 26, 2023, Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Commission approve the Minutes for the Regular Commission Meeting of July 26, 2023.

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7a. VETERANS MONUMENT WALL APPLICATION**

Review and approve the Monument Wall Application for Louis Anaya, US Army.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Patriotic Commission review and approve the monument wall application.

**7b. CITY MILITARY PROGRAMS FLYER**

Staff will present a (draft) flyer which will be featured in the November's City Newsletter in efforts of promoting the Veterans programs.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Commission review and approve the (draft) flyer promoting all the City's programs for Veterans.

**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 – None.**

**10. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA**

**10a. VICE CHAIR BLANCA FIGUEROA**

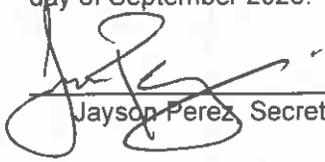
1. Discussion and consideration to create a new military lapel pin that includes the South El Monte Emblem, (in the middle) U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marines, U.S. Coast Guard surrounding the edge of the pin. Letters are to be visible with black letters, including the United States Flag.

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

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Wednesday, October 23, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

I Jayson Perez, 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

  
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Jayson Perez Secretary



## Commission Agenda Report Agenda Item No. 6. a.

**DATE:** September 27, 2023

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

**FROM:** Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager

**SUBJECT:** CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 26, 2023

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**SUMMARY:** Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the July 26, 2023, Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends Patriotic Commission approve the Minutes of the Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting of July 26, 2023.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

A. July 26, 2023 Minutes



**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE**  
**REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING - MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, July 26, 2023 – 6:00 PM**

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Andres Gonzalez, Transportation and Senior Services Manager and Noelia Saucedo, Senior Recreation Leader

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

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

There was no presentations at this time.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez (Naomi), seconded by Commissioner Miramontes De Anda to approve the agenda. Motion was carried 5-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Bechtold, Figueroa, Lopez (Nomi), Lopez (Rudy),  
and Miramontes De Anda

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Figueroa opened public comment, there being none, closed public comment.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez (Rudy), seconded by Commissioner Bechtold to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Bechtold, Figueroa, Lopez (Nomi), Lopez (Rudy),  
and Miramontes De Anda

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

A motion was made by commissioner Miramontes De Anda, seconded by Commissioner Figueroa to nominate Commissioner Figueroa for Chair. Motion did not pass 3-2, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Figueroa and Miramontes De Anda  
NAYS: Commissioner(s): Bechtold, Lopez (Nomi), and Lopez (Rudy)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez (Naomi) second by Commissioner Lopez (Rudy) to nominate Commissioner Bechtold for Chair. Motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Bechtold, Figueroa, Lopez (Nomi), Lopez (Rudy), and Miramontes De Anda  
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

A motion was made by commissioner Figueroa, seconded by Commission Lopez (Rudy) to nominate Commissioner Figueroa for Vice Chair. Motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Lopez (Nomi), Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda, Vice Chair Figueroa, and Chair Bechtold  
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

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

Patriotic Commissioner Board approved Mr. Freddy Davalos Ochoa Military Banner application.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez (Rudy) seconded by Commissioner Miramontes De Anda to go dark for the month of August. Motion carried 5-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Bechtold, Figueroa, Lopez (Nomi), Lopez (Rudy), and Miramontes De Anda  
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

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

Commissioner Miramontes De Anda, nothing to report.

Chair Bechtold reported her attendance at the City's 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.

Commissioner Naomi Lopez reported her attendance at the Senior Center bingo, City's 4<sup>th</sup> of July event and the Senior Services' 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday Luncheon.

Commissioner Rudy Lopez reported his attendance at the City's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bingo and event and the Senior Services' 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday Luncheon.

Vice Chair Figueroa reported her attendance at the City's 4<sup>th</sup> of July City event, El Monte /South El Monte Community Alliance Meeting, and the Senior Services' 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday Luncheon.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**10. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA**

**10a. VICE CHAIR BLANCA FIGUEROA**

1. Discussion of the consideration to request a full page colorful patriotic flyer 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 Pinn (Blow up pin) Patriotic Monument Program, Active Military Banner Program, Military Bumper Sticker Program, Pictures of Military Parking Spaces at City Hall, Senior Community Centers, List program guideline to qualify for each program. Show all pictures of Memorial Day and Veterans Day, including pictures of a Patriotic Commissioners with names and titles so residents know who makes the commission.

Vice Chair Figueroa would like to see a colorful full-page flyer in the City's newsletter informing residents, Veterans, Soldiers, and members of the military what programs the city is offering. Mr. Gonzalez stated that he will contact the City's Communications Coordinator regarding this request. He informed the commission that a full page may not be possible. He stated that he would provide an update on their request to place a full-page flyer in the City's newsletter during the September Patriotic Commission meeting.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business coming before this body at 6:37 p.m. Chair Bechtold adjourned the meeting to a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

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Andres Gonzalez, Secretary

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Valerie Bechtold, Chair



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

**DATE:** September 27, 2023

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

**FROM:** Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager

**SUBJECT:** VETERANS MONUMENT WALL APPLICATION

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**SUMMARY:** The City of South El Monte City Council along with the Patriotic Commission established the Veteran's Monument Wall to honor residents that have served in all the branches of the armed forces.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Patriotic Commission review and approve the monument wall application.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** The process to get a name in the Veteran's Wall includes submittal of an application for the Patriotic Commission's review. After review and approval from the Patriotic Commission, selected names will be added to the monument wall. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

**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:** Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager

**SUBJECT:** CITY MILITARY PROGRAMS FLYER (DRAFT)

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**SUMMARY:** At the July 26, 2023, Regular Patriotic Commission meeting, Vice Chair Figueroa requested a full-page patriotic flyer in the City's newsletter to display what is available for South El Monte Veterans and their families.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Commission review and approve the (draft) flyer promoting all the City's programs available for Veterans.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** Staff created a flyer that includes all the programs offered to South El Monte Veterans and their families in the City of South El Monte. If flyer is approved by the Commission, it will be featured in the November issue.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**  
A. City Military Programs Flyer (Draft)

ATTACHMENT A

CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE COMMUNITY SERVICES



# Honoring Our Military Heroes

The City of South El Monte takes great pride in recognizing the sacrifice and dedication of our military personnel. We invite you to participate in our Military Recognition Programs and show your support for our brave men and women in uniform.

## AVAILABLE PROGRAMS



### • ACTIVE MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM

This program provides an opportunity to proudly display banners showcasing the names and branch of our local heroes who are actively serving in the military. The designated honoree must live in the City of South El Monte and provide proof of enlistment and residency.

### • MILITARY LAPEL PIN PROGRAM

The program honors residents who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces by providing them with a lapel pin. Open to all military personnel who live or has lived in the City of South El Monte and must provide proof of Honorable Discharge (e.g., DD214).

### • MILITARY BUMPER STICKER PROGRAM

Join our Military Bumper Sticker Program and proudly display your support for our military personnel on your vehicle. Open to all military personnel who live or has lived in the City of South El Monte and must provide proof of Honorable Discharge (e.g., DD214).

### • PATRIOTIC MONUMENT PROGRAM

This program honors veterans who have served in all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. Names are engraved on the City's Veteran's Monument Wall. Open to all military personnel who live or has lived in the City of South El Monte and must provide proof of Honorable Discharge (e.g., DD214).

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS OR TO DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.CITYOFSOUTHELMONTE.ORG](http://WWW.CITYOFSOUTHELMONTE.ORG). FOR QUESTIONS, YOU MAY CALL 626-448-0131.