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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**

October 25, 2023, 6:00 PM  
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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## **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 OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2023**

Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the September 27, 2023, Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Patriotic Commission approve the Minutes for the September 27, 2023 Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting.

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7a. UPDATE ON THE REDESIGN OF THE MILITARY LAPEL PIN**

Staff will provide an update regarding the redesign of the Military Lapel Pin.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive and File.

## **7b. SENIOR AND CAREGIVER HEALTH & RESOURCE FAIR**

Staff will present information regarding the upcoming Senior and Caregiver Health & Resource Fair scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the South El Monte Community Center.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive and File.

## **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 FIGUEROA**

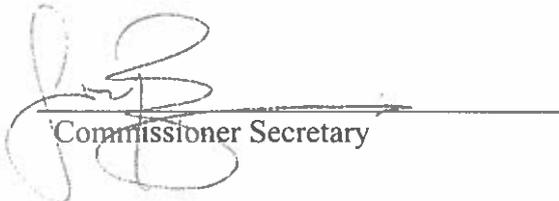
1. Discussion and consideration to recognize a female veteran/soldier in the City's newspaper and include their pictures, biography in the glass cabinet at City Hall. (Include article in the Newspaper to make announcement)

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Discussion and/or Action.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 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 Et Monte City Hall, Senior Center and Community Center and made available at [www.cityofsouthelmonte.org](http://www.cityofsouthelmonte.org) on this 19th day of October 2023.



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Commissioner Secretary



# Commission Agenda Report

## Agenda Item No. 6. a.

**DATE:** October 25, 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 OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

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**SUMMARY:** Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the September 27, 2023, Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends Patriotic Commission approve the Minutes of the Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting of September 27, 2023.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

A. DRAFT September 27, 2023 Minutes



CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE  
REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING - MINUTES  
Wednesday, September 27, 2023 - 6:00 PM

**1. ROLL CALL**

Chair Bechtold called the meeting to order at 5:59 PM

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner(s): Lopez (Naomi)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager and Noelia Saucedo, Senior Recreation Leader

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

**3. PRESENTATIONS** – None.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Figueroa, seconded by Commissioner Miramontes De Anda to approve the agenda. Motion passed 4-0, by the following vote:

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

**NAYS:** Commissioner(s): None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner(s): Lopez (Naomi)

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Bechtold opened public comment, there being none, closed public comments.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Figueroa, seconded by Commissioner Lopez (Rudy) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed. 4-0, by the following vote:

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

**NAYS:** Commissioner(s): None

**ABSENT:** Commissioner(s): Lopez (Naomi)

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7a. VETERANS MONUMENT WALL APPLICATION**

Patriotic Commissioners reviewed Mr. Louis Anaya, U.S. Army Monument Wall application.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Figueroa, seconded by Commissioner Miramontes De Anda to approve Mr. Louis Anaya's monument wall application. Motion passed, 4-0, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Lopez (Naomi)

**7b. CITY MILITARY PROGRAM FLYER**

A motion was by Vice Chair Figueroa, seconded by Commissioner Lopez (Rudy) to approve the City Military Program Flyer. Motion passed 4-0, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Lopez (Naomi)

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

Vice-Chair Figueroa reported her attendance at the following events:

Grandparents Day/Health Fair	9/9
9/11 Memorial Ceremony	9/11
Senior Citizen Prom	9/13
Senior Center Mexican Independence Luncheon	9/15
Fire Station 90 Appreciation Day	9/16
Senior Center Karaoke Friday	9/22
Senior Center Mariachi Social	9/27

Commissioner Rudy Lopez reported his attendance at the Senior Center Karaoke Friday.

Commission Miramontes De Anda, nothing to report.

Chair Bechtold, nothing to report.

**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. Commissioner Miramontes De Anda shared his opinion regarding the design for the new lapel pin that was presented. He stated that he did not think the city emblem should not be on the flag, but on the side. Commissioner Miramontes De Anda asked if it was possible to change the coloring of the current lapel pin to make it easier to read. He stated that he sees Vice Chair Figueroa's point about the lettering being hard to read due to the current colors.

Chair Bechtold asked if there is a possibility to have another design made to the commission for a second choice to choose from.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miramontes De Anda, seconded by Commissioner Lopez (Rudy) to bring back this agenda item to the next meeting in October. Motion passed, 4-0. by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Lopez (Naomi)

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business coming before this body at 6:35 p.m. Chair Bechtold adjourned the meeting to a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

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Jayson Perez, Secretary

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Valerie Bechtold, Chair



# Commission Agenda Report

## Agenda Item No. 7. a.

**DATE:** October 25, 2023

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

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

**SUBJECT:** UPDATE ON THE REDESIGN OF THE MILITARY LAPEL PIN

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**SUMMARY:** At the September 27, 2023, Regular Patriotic Commission meeting, Vice Chair Figueroa requested the consideration of redesigning the existing Military Lapel Pin.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive and File.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** Staff were directed to continue to use the existing lapel pin until the current inventory is exhausted. In the interim, staff will work on creating a redesign based on the commissioner's recommendations.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**



# Commission Agenda Report

## Agenda Item No. 7. b.

**DATE:** October 25, 2023

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

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

**SUBJECT:** SENIOR AND CAREGIVER HEALTH & RESOURCE FAIR

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**SUMMARY:** The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Veteran Peer Access Network will host a Senior and Caregiver Health & Resource Fair on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at the South El Monte Community Center from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive and File.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** Staff continues to seek partnership opportunities with agencies that provide resources to community members specifically to the veterans of South El Monte. This resource fair will feature 25 organizations that will share a wealth of information to the participants.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**