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Jayson Perez,  
Commission Secretary

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SOUTH EL MONTE  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

November 7, 2023 6:00 PM  
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**MEETINGS**

The Community Services Commission holds regular meetings on the First Tuesday of every month. Regular meetings start at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, California.

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**AGENDA BEGINS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners: Duarte Jr., Mai, Vasquez, Vice Chair Diaz, and Chair Aguilar

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Duarte Jr.

**3. PRESENTATIONS – None.**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By motion of the Community Services 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 Community Services Commission, including items on the agenda. Each speaker may speak up to five minutes. Unless a majority of the Community Services 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 Community Services 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 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 3, 2023**

Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the October 3, 2023, Regular Community Services Commission Meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Commission approve the Minutes for the Regular Community Services Commission Meeting of October 3, 2023.

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7a. COMMUNITY SERVICES MONTHLY INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Staff will provide an update on Community Services programming.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Community Services Commission receive and file the report.

**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 Community Services Commission meeting following the meeting/event.

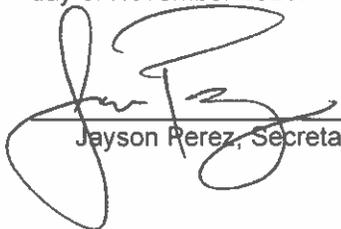
**9. CORRESPONDENCE – None.**

**10. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA – None.**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Tuesday, December 5, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 2023.

  
Jayson Perez, Secretary



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

**DATE:** November 7, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Chair and Members of the Community Services Commission

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

**SUBJECT:** CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 3, 2023

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**SUMMARY:** Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the October 3, 2023, Regular Community Services Commission Meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends that the Community Services Commission approve the Minutes of the Regular Community Services Commission Meeting of October 3, 2023.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

A. October 3, 2023 Minutes



**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE**  
**REGULAR COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING - MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, October 3, 2023 – 6:00 PM**

Commissioner Diaz called the meeting at 6:00 PM

**1. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioner(s): Aguilar, Diaz, Duarte Jr., and Vasquez

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Mai

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

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

**3. PRESENTATIONS** – None.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Commissioner Aguilar, seconded by Commissioner Diaz to approve the agenda. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Aguilar, Diaz, Duarte Jr., and Vasquez

NAY: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Mai

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Perez opened public comment

Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager introduced himself. He stated that he is happy to serve as the new liaison for this commission.

There being no further public comment, Mr. Perez closed public comment.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A motion was made by Commissioner Duarte Jr., seconded by Commissioner Aguilar to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Aguilar, Diaz, Duarte Jr., and Vasquez

NAY: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Mai

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 7a. COMMUNITY SERVICES MONTHLY INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Mr. Perez provided a report on Community Services Department programming/events and shared the upcoming events for the department.

Commissioner Mai joined the meeting at 6:08 PM

#### Recreation Division:

October Night Market – October 5<sup>th</sup>

Community Bike Ride - October 7<sup>th</sup>

Walk to End Domestic Violence & Resource Fair – October 19<sup>th</sup>

Veteran's Health and Resource Fair - October 26<sup>th</sup>

Harvest Festival – October 31st

#### Senior Services Division:

Talent Show – October 18<sup>th</sup>

Halloween Luncheon October 31<sup>st</sup>

### 7b. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

A motion was made by Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Duarte Jr. to nominate Commissioner Aguilar as the Chair. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Aguilar, Diaz, Duarte, Mai and Vasquez

NAY: Commissioner(s): None

A motion was made by Commissioner Mai, second by Chair Aguilar to nominate Commissioner Diaz as the Vice Chair. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Diaz, Duarte, Mai, Vasquez and Chair Aguilar

NAY: Commissioner(s): None

## 8. COMMISSION REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

Commissioner Vasquez reported her attendance at the August 24, 2023, Summer Concert, and the Senior Services Mexican Independence Luncheon.

Commissioner Mai reported his attendance at the September Night Market.

Commissioner Duarte Jr. reported his attendance at Summer Concerts.

Vice-Chair Diaz reported his attendance at the Night Market.

Chair Aguilar commended staff for an overall great job.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE** – None.

**10. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA** – None.

**11. ADJOURN COMMISSION MEETING**

At 6:24 p.m. Chair Aguilar adjourned the meeting to a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

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Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager

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Ingrid Aguilar, Chair

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

**DATE:** November 7, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Chair and Members of the Community Services Commission

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

**SUBJECT:** COMMUNITY SERVICES MONTHLY INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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**SUMMARY:** The Recreation Division is currently offering all of the fall programs and events to the South El Monte community members. The division continues to operate the nine program areas, including Aquatics, After School Programs, The Baby Lab, Seasonal Camps, Youth Sport Programs, Adult Sport Programs, Facility Reservations, Youth Boxing Program, and Community Events. Other programs managed by the Recreation Division include Administration and partnerships with local non-profit organizations. Recreation staff are also tasked with operating recreation centers, parks, and facility rentals.

The Recreation Division is excited to announce the Parks & Recreation website launch. This website will be the South El Monte Community destination for all recreation services including: program registration for seasonal camps, sport leagues, leisure classes, after school programs, and facility reservations. This website will also serve as an additional outlet to provide community event information to all.

### **The Baby Lab**

The Baby Lab offers classes Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. where children ages 6 months to 48 months develop problem-solving skills through interactive games, play and music. During the month of September, the participants enjoyed a variety of summer themed activities including physical activities at Mary Van Dyke Park. The program has exceeded the established capacity and is now utilizing the second bungalow of the Mini Center.

### **Youth & Adult Sports**

#### **Adult Basketball League**

The Adult Basketball League concluded with a set of exciting playoff games and a championship game on Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

### **Co-Ed Youth Basketball League**

Practices are scheduled to begin mid-November and Opening Day is scheduled tentatively for Saturday, December 2, 2023.

### **Monthly Themed Newsletter/Season Promotional Booklets**

The Recreation Division continues to use the monthly newsletter to help keep the community engaged. The newsletter also serves as a medium to keep residents informed about upcoming City sponsored events, recreation programs, and sports leagues. In addition, staff create seasonal promotional booklets that highlight the upcoming program and events for the department.

### **Recreation Services Webpage & Instagram**

The City's Recreation webpage continues to be updated regularly with all the programming available and upcoming community events. The Recreation Instagram showcases any contests and winners, sport clinics, program highlights and any special events hosted by the department.

### **Special Events**

#### **Night Market**

The City of South El Monte hosted a successful Night Market. The fun-filled event was held on October 5<sup>th</sup> with hundreds of community members in attendance. The Community event began at 6pm at the ruse Property featuring various entertaining activities, yard games, raffles, and a beer garden sponsored the El Monte/South El Monte Jets Football and Cheer, 27 vendors, a car show, and a DJ performance.

#### **Walk to End Domestic Violence & Resource Fair**

On Wednesday, October 18, 2023, the City hosted a the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Walk to End Domestic Violence in efforts to bring awareness to the community. The event featured a resource fair, a family friendly walk, a luminaria ceremony, and testimonials from domestic violence survivors and the State Senator Susan Rubio.

#### **Harvest Festival**

On Tuesday, 31, 2023, the community gathered in a safe, family friendly environment where families enjoyed trick or treating booths, a toddler ferris wheel, inflatables, a variety of food vendors, and train rides throughout the Civic Center.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- Veterans Day Ceremony
- 5K Turkey Dash & 1K Trot
- Tree Lighting Ceremony

#### **Park Facility Reservations**

- Jets
- Brewers
- California State University - Northridge

## SENIOR SERVICES

**SUMMARY:** The South El Monte Senior Center offers a variety of services and activities designed to actively engage seniors, promoting their physical and mental well-being. With the objective of providing programs that empower seniors to manage their health effectively and postpone the onset of chronic conditions, the senior center provides programs for seniors to enrich their overall well-being, around physical, social, spiritual, emotional, mental, and economic well-being.

- Nutrition Programs (Congregate and Homebound)
- Health, Fitness, and Wellness Programs
- Transportation Services
- Volunteer and Civic Engagement Opportunities
- Social and Recreational Activities
- Music and Arts Programs

Through our programs, elderly individuals have the chance to engage in social interactions with peers, converse about current events, exchange stories, and maintain the strength of their minds and bodies.

## OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

**October Craft:** A total of 16 individuals participated in the craft class offered by the Senior Services division. Each month, seniors gather to collaboratively create a craft that aligns with the current season. For this month, the seniors crafted a scarecrow centerpiece. All the necessary supplies, including a mason jar, color ribbon, and hay hair, were provided for the craft class.



**Zumba:** The Senior Services division has joined forces with Anthem Health Insurance, who will now sponsor bi-weekly Zumba classes for our senior participants. Seniors enjoy the lively movements as they dance to their favorite songs while working out.

**Senior Market Day:** More than 20 vendors took part in the Senior Centers monthly senior market day. These vendors arranged their tables under the front patio area and offered a variety of products such as crafts, treats, antiques, clothing, and more. The event saw enthusiastic participation from both the community and the seniors, resulting in a highly successful occasion.

**Karaoke Friday:** On Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, senior members came together for Karaoke Friday, joining in with the music from the Karaoke machine. Out of the attendees, 13 seniors excitedly sang along to

their favorite songs. The social event had over 50 participants to enjoy the performances, and light refreshments were offered. Karaoke Fridays have become eagerly awaited social for our participants, as it serves as a platform to break out of their comfort zones and have an enjoyable time.

**Breast Cancer Awareness:** On Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, senior participants displayed their support for breast cancer awareness by wearing pink.



**Talent Show:** In collaboration with Jar and AltaMed Insurance, the division organized its first talent show on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The talent presents showcased a blend of singers, dancers, comedians, and magicians. This event provided senior patrons with the platform to display their talents, and prizes, generously sponsored by Jar and AltaMed Insurance, were awarded to the first, second, and third prize winners.



**The Great Shake Out:** Senior participants, joined millions of people across the state, actively took part in the Great Shakeout earthquake drill on Thursday, October 19 at 10:19a.m.



**October Birthdays:** On Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> we gathered to commemorate the birthdays of individuals born in October. The Senior Services team led in guiding the seniors as they sang Happy Birthday to those celebrating their birthdays this month. As a gesture of the celebration, each participant was gifted a complimentary slice of birthday cake, generously provided by Huntington Culinary.

**Halloween Luncheon:** Seniors enjoyed a delicious Roast Beef lunch for this year's Halloween Luncheon. Several seniors also took part in both the pumpkin carving contest and the costume contest. The event wrapped up with lively DJ entertainment from 12:30p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Senior Nutrition Services:** The City offers nutritious meals to individuals aged 60 and above through the Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP). The ENP provides meals for both the Congregate Meals Site and to the Home-Delivered Meals Program. In the month of September, the Congregate meals site served more than 2927 meals to senior participants, while the Home-Delivered program provided 230 meals.

**Senior Excursions:**

- The Aquarium of the Pacific held its annual senior free day on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, with a group of 30 senior patrons in attendance.
- On Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, the division organized an excursion to Tom's Farm in Corona, where seniors had the opportunity to savor delicious deli meats and fresh vegetables.



**Program Number Stats:**

Category	Unduplicated
Classes/Workshops	105
Fitness/Exercise	717
Nutrition	1780
Public Services	2
Recreation/Entertainment	527
Socializing	853
Special Groups	18
Volunteers	146

**Total Event Signings****3846****Screenings/Informational Health Presentations for the month October**

<b>Independence At Home</b>	10/5/23	10:15am-11:15 am	Understanding Osteoporosis Presentation
<b>Garfield Health Center</b>	10/10/23	9:30am-11:15am	Monofilament Test
<b>California Health Collaboration</b>	10/12/23	10:15am-11:15am	Breast and Cervical Health Presentation
<b>Public Health AmeriCorps</b>	10/19/23	10:15am-11:15am	Healthy Lungs Presentation
<b>Alignment Health Plan</b>	10/24/23	10:15am-11:15am	2024 Benefits Presentation & Information Booth
<b>ChapCare</b>	10/26/23	9:45am- 11:15am	Medicare Presentation & Cooking Healthy Demo.
<b>Greater El Monte Community Hospital</b>	10/27/23	9:45am-11:10am	FREE Blood Pressure Screening

**Staff Meetings:** Staff attended the following meetings for information gathering, training, and networking:

- Nutritional Q&A Meeting was held with CNS Dietician Joya Melissa on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- On Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, the staff attended the Golden Future Senior Expo in the city of Commerce. During this event, the staff acquired additional resources to offer to the residents of South El Monte.
- The Senior Services Supervisor attended the Cal-Act (California Association for Coordinated Transportation) from Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**SENIOR CENTER CLUBS AND FACILITY RESERVATION**

- **Club Latino de Sur El Monte** – The club hosted bingo on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Every Thursday’s bingo event, the club also holds its regular club meetings. After the club meeting, they played bingo. The club hosted their annual Halloween Dance on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **3L Club** – The club hosted bingo on the first and third Thursday of the month. Every Thursday’s bingo event, the club also holds its regular club meetings. After the club meeting, they played bingo.
- **Baile Folklorico Alegria de Sur El Monte** hosted their practices on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Center Dance Room.

**TRANSPORTATION MONTHLY REPORT**

**Transportation Services:** City drivers provided transportation services to residents who are eligible and do not have access to transportation. Through these services, seniors can maintain their

independence within their community. Transportation services were provided to medical appointments, grocery shopping, personal trips and to the South El Monte Senior Center. Trips are also provided to students who participate in the city-sponsored after-school program.

### Transportation Monthly Report

October 2023						
Trip Purpose	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Total
Excursion	27	0	0	27	0	54
Medical	29	22	41	31	0	123
Nutrition	70	56	62	54	0	242
Personal	1	0	2	0	0	3
School	48	55	68	59	0	230
Senior Center	32	22	24	20	0	98
Shopping	2	0	2	2	0	6
Work	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total for period</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>703</b>

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive and File.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** Staff is open to receiving feedback on programs or events.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Veterans Day Ceremony
- B. 5K Turkey Dash & 1K Trot
- C. Tree Lighting Ceremony

CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



# VETERANS DAY

CEREMONY & RESOURCE FAIR

NOVEMBER 11 | 11 AM



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

CITY HALL FRONT LAWN

1415 Santa Anita Ave.  
South El Monte



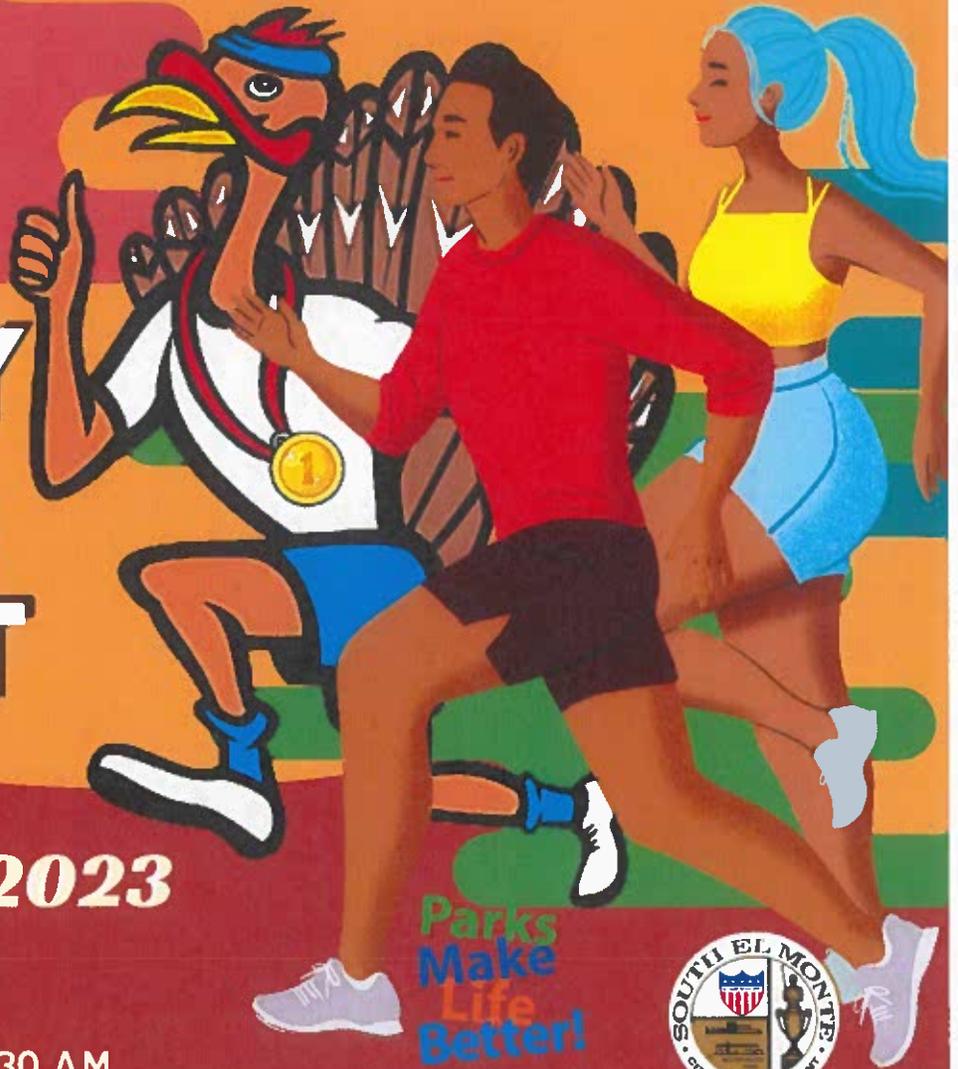
FOOD & BEVERAGES WILL BE SERVED  
AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CEREMONY.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 626-579-2043.

CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

# 5K TURKEY DASH & 1K TROT



**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 18, 2023**

**SOUTH EL MONTE CITY HALL  
1415 SANTA ANITA AVE.  
1K RACE 8:30 AM | 5K RACE 9:30 AM**

**Parks  
Make  
Life  
Better!**



## **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

### **In-Person Registration**

South El Monte Community Center  
1530 Central Ave.  
Monday - Friday from 1:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Resident Fee: \$5.00  
Non-Resident Fee: \$10.00  
\*Must bring proof of  
South El Monte Residency for Fee

### **Online Registration**

Fee: \$10 per participant



Scan QR code for  
registration link

**EVENT DAY REGISTRATION STARTING AT 7:30 AM**

**FREE T-SHIRT  
WITH PRE-REGISTRATION BEFORE NOVEMBER 3RD.**

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 626-579-2043.**

CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

# Tree Lighting Ceremony



**THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER 30, 2023  
6:00 PM**

**SOUTH EL MONTE CITY HALL  
FRONT LAWN  
1415 SANTA ANITA AVE.**

## FEATURED FESTIVITIES

- Live Performances
- Santa Photo Booth
- Free Tamales & Champurrado  
(while supplies last)

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JOIN SANTA AND CITY COUNCIL IN LIGHTING OUR 40FT TALL CHRISTMAS TREE. BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY OUT AND ENJOY THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS.

For more information, please email [rec@soelmonte.org](mailto:rec@soelmonte.org) or call 626-579-2043.