

Nydia Romero, Chair
Victor Montiel, Vice Chair
Blanca Figueroa, Commissioner
Naomi Lopez, Commissioner

Jayson Perez,
Commission Secretary



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

AGENDA

March 26, 2025, 6:00 PM
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

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MEETINGS

The Patriotic Commission holds regular meetings on the fourth Wednesday 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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1. ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Figueroa, Lopez, Vice Chair Montiel, and Chair Romero

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Figueroa

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 FEBRUARY 26, 2025

Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the February 26, 2025, Regular Patriotic Commission meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the February 26, 2025, Regular Patriotic Commission meeting.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7a. CONTINUED FROM THE FEBRUARY 26, 2025, REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING- FLAGS OF VALOR & MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY EVENTS

The City of South El Monte will be hosting Flags of Valor, a weeklong event for the community to honor Active, Veteran, and Fallen military personnel.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission discuss and provide feedback to enhance the event.

7b. MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY VETERAN HONOREES

The Patriotic Commission will discuss and nominate two veterans to honor in the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony scheduled for Monday, May 26, 2025.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission discuss and nominate two veterans to honor in the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony scheduled for Monday, May 26, 2025.

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. COMMISSIONER FIGUEROA

1. CONTINUED FROM THE FEBRUARY 26, 2025, REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING- Consideration to install a photo board at the South El Monte Senior Center with pictures of Veterans and Active military personnel who participate at the Senior Center and include a brief biography.
2. Consideration to install all US military branches' plaques on the island on Santa Anita and Merced.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion and/or Action.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 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 El Monte City Hall, Senior Center, and Community Center and made available at www.cityofsouthelmonte.org on this 20th day of March 2025.


Secretary



Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. 6. a.

DATE: March 26, 2025

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 FEBRUARY 26, 2025

SUMMARY: Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the February 26, 2025, Regular Patriotic Commission meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the February 26, 2025, Regular Patriotic Commission meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION:

ATTACHMENT(S):

A. DRAFT February 26, 2025 Minutes



**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING – MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 26, 2025 – 6:00 PM
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, California 91733

Director of Community Services, Ariana De La Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner(s): Lopez, Montiel, and Romero
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Figueroa

STAFF PRESENT: Ariana De La Cruz, Director of Community Services, Nancy Rodriguez, Community Services Analyst, and Noelia Saucedo, Senior Recreation Leader

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Lopez led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. PRESENTATION- None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Montiel to approve the agenda. Motion passed **3-0-1**, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Lopez, Montiel, and Romero
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Figueroa

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. De La Cruz opened public comment. There being none, Mrs. De La Cruz closed public comment.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Commissioner Romero, seconded by Commissioner Lopez to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed **3-0-1**, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Lopez, Montiel, and Romero
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Figueroa

GENERAL BUSINESS

7a. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

A motion was made by Commissioner Romero to nominate herself as chair, seconded by Commissioner Montiel. Motion passed **3-0-1**, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Lopez, Montiel, and Romero
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Figueroa

A motion was made by Commissioner Montiel to nominate himself as vice chair, seconded by Chair Romero. Motion passed **3-0-1**. By the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Lopez, Montiel, and Romero
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Figueroa

Mrs. De La Cruz turned the meeting over to Chair Romero.

7b. FLAGS OF VALOR & MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY EVENTS

Mrs. De La Cruz provided the commissioners with a respective report on the Flags of Valor and Memorial Day Ceremony events.

7c. PATRIOTIC COMMISSION COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT UPCOMING CITY EVENTS

Mrs. De La Cruz presented the Patriotic Commission with the 2025 Special Events Calendar and has invited them to set up a booth to promote all city military programs.

7. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

Vice Chair Montiel, nothing to report.

Commissioner Lopez, nothing to report.

Chair Romero, nothing to report.

8. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

9. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA

10a. COMMISSIONER FIGUEROA

1. Consideration to install a photo board at the South El Monte Senior Center with pictures of Veterans and Active military personnel who participate at the Senior Center and include a brief biography.

Commissioner Figueroa's agenda item continued next meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:59 p.m. Chair Romero adjourned the meeting to a regular Patriotic Commission meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Ariana De La Cruz, Director of Community Services

Nydia Romero, Chair

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Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. 7.a.

DATE: March 26, 2025

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Patriotic Commission

FROM: Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager

SUBJECT: CONTINUED FROM THE FEBRUARY 26, 2025, REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING- FLAGS OF VALOR & MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY EVENTS

SUMMARY: The City of South El Monte will be hosting Flags of Valor, a weeklong event for the community to honor Active, Veteran, and Fallen Military personnel.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission discuss and provide feedback to enhance the events.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

DISCUSSION: The Flags of Valor is a weeklong event for the community to honor Active, Veteran, and Fallen Military personnel. Proceeds from the \$25 per flag will be designated to support local veterans needs such as hotel vouchers, unhoused assistance, mental health services, assist with food insecurities, and more.

An opening ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 19th at 5:30 p.m. at Dean L. Shively School Front Lawn where the public will have an opportunity to purchase flags. The opening ceremony will feature presentations from City officials, boys Scouts leading the flag salute, and a performance by the Dean L. Shively Band. Complimentary hot dogs will be served to all in attendance.

On Wednesday, May 21st City staff will be accepting damaged flags to be properly disposed through a flag retirement booth set up at Dean L. Shively School at 5:30 p.m.

A closing ceremony for the Flags of Valor will be incorporated at the City's Annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 26th at 11:00 a.m. at City Hall Front Lawn.

ATTACHMENT(S):

A. Flags of Valor Flyer

CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



FLAGS OF VALOR



REMEMBER, CELEBRATE, AND HONOR



MAY 19-26, 2025

**DEAN L. SHIVELY MIDDLE SCHOOL FRONT LAWN
1431 CENTRAL AVE. SOUTH EL MONTE**

**A WEEKLONG EVENT FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO HONOR
ACTIVE, VETERAN, AND FALLEN MILITARY PERSONNEL.**

SPONSORSHIP IS \$25 PER FLAG. PROCEEDS FROM THE EVENT WILL GO TO SUPPORT LOCAL VETERANS NEEDS SUCH AS HOTEL VOUCHERS, UNHOUSED ASSISTANCE, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, ASSIST WITH FOOD INSECURITIES, AND MORE.

TO SPONSOR A FLAG
SCAN THE QR CODE



or visit
<https://bit.ly/3XuAhDp>



OPENING CEREMONY

MAY 19TH | 5:30 PM

FLAGS MAY BE PURCHASED ON THIS DAY.

FREE HOT DOGS WILL BE AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

FLAG RETIREMENT

MAY, 21ST | 5:30 PM

BRING YOUR DAMAGED FLAGS TO BE PROPERLY DISPOSED

CLOSING CEREMONY

MAY 26TH | 11:00 AM

FREE HAMBURGERS AND BEVERAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL REC@SOELMONTE.ORG OR CALL 626-579-2043.



Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. 7.b.

DATE: March 26, 2025

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Patriotic Commission

FROM: Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager

SUBJECT: MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY VETERAN HONOREES

SUMMARY: The Patriotic Commission will discuss and nominate two veterans to honor in the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony schedule on Monday, May 26, 2025.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission discuss and nominate two veterans to honor in the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony scheduled for Monday, May 26, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

DISCUSSION: The Memorial Day Ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 26, 2025. The program includes a poem reading, the Flags of Valor acknowledgement, 21-gun salute, and TAPS.

To make the event more memorable, the city wishes to honor two veterans who have fallen or gone missing in action serving our Country. The Patriotic Commission is tasked by assisting and recommending two Veteran honorees for the 2025 Memorial Day Ceremony.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.