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Victor Montiel, Vice Chair  
Blanca Figueroa, Commissioner  
Abraham Flores Rojo, Commissioner  
Naomi Lopez, Commissioner

Jayson Perez,  
Commission Secretary



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

### **AGENDA**

May 28, 2025, 6:00 PM  
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

#### **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

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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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Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager/Commission Secretary  
Ph (626) 448-0131

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## **1. ROLL CALL**

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

## **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner 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 APRIL 23, 2025**

Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the April 23, 2025, Regular Patriotic Commission meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the April 23, 2025, Regular Patriotic Commission meeting.

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7a. SOUTH EL MONTE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION EVENTS INCLUDING THE FIREWORKS FESTIVAL AND FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION**

**GENERAL BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**

**Item 7.a.**

The Independence Day Celebration events include the Fireworks Festival and Fourth of July Celebration offers the opportunity for the Patriotic Commission to partake in the planning, discussion, and promotional awareness in matters pertaining to the two events.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Patriotic Commission discuss the engagement opportunities at the upcoming Independence Day Celebration events.

**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. CHAIR ROMERO**

1. Consideration to celebrate the armed force birthdays on their respective days.
2. Consideration to implement a city parade commemorating veterans.

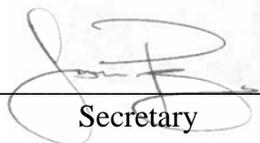
**10b. COMMISSIONER FIGUEROA**

1. Consideration to refurbish the veteran glass cabinet located at City Hall.
2. Consideration to repaint the Veteran's parking emblem with white paint.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Wednesday, June 25, 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](http://www.cityofsouthelmonte.org) on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2025.

  
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Secretary



# Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. 6. a.

**DATE:** May 28, 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 APRIL 23, 2025

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**SUMMARY:** Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the April 23, 2025, Regular Patriotic Commission meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the April 23, 2025, Regular Patriotic Commission meeting.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**DISCUSSION:**

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

A. DRAFT April 23, 2025, Minutes

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

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 – 6:00 PM  
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

Commissioner Figueroa called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

**1. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Commissioner(s): Figueroa, Flores Rojo, and Lopez  
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Vice Chair Montiel and Chair Romero

STAFF PRESENT: Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager; and Elizabette Miranda, Administrative Assistant

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Commissioner Flores Rojo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. PRESENTATIONS** – None.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion** by Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Flores Rojo to approve the agenda. Motion passed 3-0-2, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Figueroa, Flores Rojo, and Lopez  
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None  
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Vice Chair Montiel and Chair Romero

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Figueroa opened Public Comment.

1. Mayor Gloria Olmos introduced herself and welcomed the Patriotic Commission.

There being no further public comments, Commissioner Figueroa closed Public Comment.

Chair Romero joined the meeting at 6:08 p.m.; Commissioner Figueroa turned the meeting over to Chair Romero.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion** by Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Commissioner Flores Rojo to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Figueroa, Flores Rojo, Lopez, and Chair Romero  
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None  
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Vice Chair Montiel

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

## **GENERAL BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**

Mr. Perez provided the Patriotic Commission with an update on the Flags of Valor and Memorial Day events scheduled on Monday, May 19, 2025 – Monday, May 29, 2025, including the role of each commissioner:

1. Chair Romero will be opening the ceremony, leading the Pledge of Allegiance, and presenting the first Memorial Day Ceremony Veteran Honoree Biography.
2. Commissioner Figueroa will be performing the Invocation.
3. Commissioner Flores Rojo will be reading the M.I.A. Table Poem.
4. Commissioner Lopez will be presenting the second Memorial Day Ceremony Veteran Honoree Biography.

Additionally, Mr. Perez provided the Patriotic Commission with a task of reaching out to the community by gaining flag sponsorships for the Flags of Valor event.

Commissioner Lopez asked for clarification regarding the sponsorship request from the 3L Club. Mr. Perez presented the Flags of Valor events and how South El Monte community partners were invited to sponsor the event.

Commissioner Figueroa suggested adding the updated Armed Forces Seals at the bottom on the Memorial Day Ceremony program.

### **7b. CONTINUED FROM THE MARCH 26, 2025, REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING - MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY VETERAN HONOREES**

Mr. Perez provided the Patriotic Commission with a task to nominate two potential veteran honorees to be honored at the Memorial Day Ceremony scheduled on Monday, May 26, 2025.

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

Chair Romero announced she attended the following: Easter Eggstravaganza, April Full Body Circuit Work Fitness Class, Active SGV Zumba Class, and April Rec Class.

Commissioner Lopez announced she attended the Easter Eggstravaganza.

Commissioner Flores Rojo, nothing to report.

Commissioner Figueroa announced she attended the following: Senior Center Antonio Winery Excursion, Spring Social Dance, Senior Center Craft Class, Easter Luncheon, Neighborhood Watch Meeting, Easter Eggstravaganza, and the South El Monte/ El Monte Community Alliance meeting.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE – None.**

## **10. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA**

### **10a. COMMISSIONER FIGUEROA**

**COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA (CONTINUED)**

**Item 10.a.**

1. Consideration to promote all patriotic events in the City's newsletters, social media platforms, city buildings, and distribute flyers at different locations.

**Motion** by Commissioner Figueroa, seconded by Commissioner Lopez to receive and file. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Figueroa, Flores Rojo, Lopez, and Chair Romero  
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None  
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Vice Chair Montiel

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:42 p.m. Chair Romero adjourned the meeting to a regular Patriotic Commission meeting on May 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

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Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager

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Nydia Romero, Chair



# Commission Agenda Report

## Agenda Item No. 7.a.

**DATE:** May 28, 2025

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

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

**SUBJECT:** SOUTH EL MONTE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION EVENTS INCLUDING THE FIREWORKS FESTIVAL AND FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

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**SUMMARY:** The Independence Day Celebration events include the Fireworks Festival and Fourth of July Celebration offers the opportunity for the Patriotic Commission to partake in the planning, discussion, and promotional awareness in matters pertaining to the two events.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Patriotic Commission discuss the engagement opportunities at the upcoming Independence Day Celebration events.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**DISCUSSION:** At the November 12, 2025, City Council meeting, the City Council approve the City's 2025 Special Events Calendar which included the Firework Festival and Fourth of July Celebration Events. The upcoming events offer a great opportunity for the Patriotic Commission to actively promote programs and engage with the community.

### **Fireworks Festival**

The Fireworks Festival is scheduled on Thursday, July 3, 2025, will be held at South El Monte High School. This event invites members of the community to a night filled with fun, entertainment, food, and a vibrant firework show. Please find below event details:

Date: Thursday, July 3, 2025

Location: South El Monte High School Football Stadium

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Entertainment:

- Steel Rod Band performance: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Live Firework Show 8:30 p.m.
- Kids Fun Zone (inflatables)
- 15 food vendors

## **Fourth of July Celebration**

The Fourth of July Celebration is scheduled on Friday, July 4, 2025, at New Temple Park. This annual event invites members of the community to a family-friendly day filled with fun activities including water inflatables, family games, a live boxing show, live performances, and complimentary food and giveaways. Every year the Patriotic Commission stations a booth promoting veteran programs and hosting the Letters to the Soldiers program. Please find below the details that are subject to change, for the event:

Date: Friday, July 4, 2025

Location: New Temple Park

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### **Entertainment:**

- Live Boxing Show 2:00 p.m.
- Jolly Corks band Performance: 3:00 p.m.
- Leather and Lace Band Performance: 6:00 p.m.
- Kids Fun Zone

### **Giveaways**

- Hamburgers
- City Promo Giveaways

### **ATTACHMENT(S):**

- A. Independence Day Fireworks Festival Flyer
- B. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Flyer

CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



INDEPENDENCE DAY  
**FIREWORKS  
FESTIVAL**

**Thursday, July 3, 2025 | 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM**

**SOUTH EL MONTE HIGH SCHOOL, 1001 N. DURFEE AVE.**

**FIREWORK SHOW BEGINS AT 9 PM**

**LIVE CONCERT BY STEEL ROD 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**



**STEEL ROD**

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**4<sup>TH</sup> OF  
JULY  
CELEBRATION**

**FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2025 | 2 PM - 8 PM  
NEW TEMPLE PARK, 1450 LIDCOMBE AVE.**

**FREE ADMISSION – LOCAL VENDORS – GIVEAWAYS – FREE HAMBURGERS  
KIDS SPLASH ZONE – BOXING SHOW AT 2 PM**

**LIVE PERFORMANCES BY:**



**THE JOLLY CORKS  
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**



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**LEATHER & LACE  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE WANTS TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT ONLY CALIFORNIA STATE FIRE MARSHALL APPROVED SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS MAY BE PURCHASED, POSSESSED, OR DISCHARGED WITHIN CITY LIMITS.**

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