

Nydia Romero, Chair  
Victor Montiel, Vice Chair  
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**

February 25, 2026, 6:00 PM  
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

**GENERAL COMMENT**

Those wishing to participate during Public Comment may do so in person at the South El Monte City Hall Council Chambers, or may submit written public comments by emailing [jperez@soelmonte.org](mailto:jperez@soelmonte.org). Emailed public comments are due by 5:00 p.m., and should be limited to no more than 250 words. Written public comments will be provided to the Patriotic Commission and will be part of the record but will not be read aloud.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you require a disability-related modification or accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please call the City Clerk's office at (626) 579-6540 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

**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. Special and Adjourned Regular meetings start time are to be determined.

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Regular meeting agendas will be posted at least 72 hours before the meeting (GC 54954(a)(1)).

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Full agenda packet can be viewed either at <https://www.cityofsouthelmonte.org/129/Meeting-Agendas-Minutes> or in the Community Center during normal business hours Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Closed on Fridays and major holidays.

**ISSUES RELATED TO AGENDA**

For issues related to the agenda, including a disability-related accommodation necessary to participate in this meeting, please contact:

Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager/Commission Secretary  
Ph (626) 652-3109

**AGENDA BEGINS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE**

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Romero

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**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 the 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 will be limited to five minutes. Unless a majority of the 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 Patriotic 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 pulled by a member of the Patriotic Commission during "Approval of the Agenda" for individual consideration. Any items pulled shall be individually considered immediately after taking action on the Consent Calendar.

**6.a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2025**

Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the October 22, 2025, Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the October 22, 2025, Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting.

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**7.a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL MONUMENT WALL, MILITARY LAPEL PIN, AND MILITARY BANNER APPLICATIONS FOR ALBERT GARCIA**

Staff recommends that the Patriotic Commission consider and approve the following applications submitted for Albert Garcia: the Monument Wall Program, Military Lapel Pin Program, and Military Banner Program.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends the Patriotic Commission consider and approve the following applications for Albert Garcia:

1. Monument Wall Program; and
2. Military Lapel Pin Program; and
3. Military Banner Program

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

AB 1234, section 53232.3(d) requires Members of a legislative body to provide brief reports on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency (i.e., Conferences, seminars, training etc.) at the next regular meeting of the legislative body.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**10. COMMISSIONERS AGENDA**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

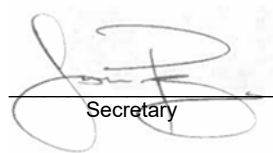
Before announcing the next regular meeting, the Commission will observe a moment of silence in honor of Commissioner Blanca Figueroa, recognizing her dedicated service and lasting contributions to the City and the community.

**NEXT REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING:**

Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Jayson Perez, Secretary of the City of South El Monte Patriotic Commission, or my designee, hereby certify under penalty of perjury that a true, accurate copy of the foregoing agenda was posted on this February 19, 2026, seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting per Government Code 54954.2 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).



Secretary



## Commission Agenda Report

### Agenda Item No. 6.a.

**DATE:** February 25, 2026

**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 OCTOBER 22, 2025

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**SUMMARY:** Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the October 22, 2025, Regular Patriotic Commission meeting.

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**FISCAL/FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**DISCUSSION:**

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

A. DRAFT October 22, 2025, Minutes

**CITY COUTH EL MONTE**  
**REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING – MINUTES**  
Wednesday, October 22, 2025 – 6:00 PM  
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, California 91733

Chair Romero called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner(s): Figueroa, Lopez, Vice Chair Montiel, Chair Romero

**ABSENT:** Commissioner(s): Flores-Rojo

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jayson Perez Community Services Manager, Elizabette Miranda, Administrative Assistant, and Noelia Saucedo, Senior Recreation Leader

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

**3. PRESENTATION – None**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion** by Figueroa, seconded by Commissioner Lopez to approve the agenda. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Commissioner(s): Figueroa, Lopez, Vice Chair Montiel, and Chair Romero

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner(s): Flores-Rojo

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Romero opened Public Comment.

There being no public comments, Chair Romero closed Public Comment.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Motion** by Vice Chair Montiel, seconded by Chair Romero to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Commissioner(s): Figueroa, Lopez, Vice Chair Montiel, and Chair Romero

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner(s): Flores-Rojo

## 7. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 7a. CONTINUED FROM THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2025, REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING – VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Mr. Perez presented the Veterans Day Ceremony program and shared that this year's event will recognize the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army, Navy, and Marine Corps and announced Mr. Robert Delgado is the 2025 Veterans Day Honoree.

Commissioner Figueroa suggested including the names of the City Council and Patriotic Commission in the program and taking a group photo following the ceremony, which Mr. Perez confirmed could be arranged.

Commissioner Lopez recommended printing the National Anthem lyrics on the back of the program for attendees to follow along.

### 7b. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DARK PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING DATE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

**Motion** by Chair Romero, seconded by Commissioner Figueroa to go dark for the months of November and December for the holidays. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following votes:

**AYES:** Commissioner(s): Figueroa, Lopez, Vice Chair Montiel, and Chair Romero

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner(s): Flores-Rojo

## 8. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

Chair Romeo announced her attendance at the following events: Popeyes Grand Opening, October Fitness Classes, Walk to End Domestic Violence, National Coffee with Cop Day, and Women and Girls Empowerment Brunch.

Commissioner Lopez announced her attendance at the following events: Women and Girls Empowerment Brunch, Karaoke Social, and Painting Social.

Commissioner Figueroa announced her attendance at the following events: Popeyes Grand Opening, Women and Girls Empowerment Brunch, September Birthday Social, Wear Pink Day, Senior Center Craft Class, Senior Rodeo, Karaoke Social, and the Fall Career and Resource Fair.

Vice Chair Montiel had nothing to report.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE – None**

**10.COMMISSIONERS AGENDA**

**10a. COMMISSIONER FIGUEROA**

1. Discuss and consider raising funds to purchase and install a statue of a soldier in front of City Hall and draft a donation letter that can be distributed to local business for contributions to fund the project.

**Motion** by Chair Montiel, seconded by Commissioner Figueroa to seek approval from management to solicit funds from local businesses. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Commissioner(s): Figueroa, Lopez, Vice Chair Montiel, and Chair Romero

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner(s): Flores-Rojo

**11.ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:34 p.m., there being no more business before the Commission, Chair Romero adjourned the meeting to a Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting on Wednesday, November 26, 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:** February 25, 2026

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

**FROM:**

**SUBJECT:** CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL MONUMENT WALL, MILITARY LAPEL PIN, AND MILITARY BANNER APPLICATIONS FOR ALBERT GARCIA

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#### **FISCAL/FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The City of South El Monte City Council, in partnership with the Patriotic Commission, established the Military Recognition Programs to honor residents who have served in all branches of the United States Armed Forces.

The Patriotic Commission will review, consider, and approve the applications submitted on behalf of Lance Corporal Albert Garcia.

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

- A. Active Military Banner Program Application
- B. Monument Wall Program Application (1)
- C. Military Lapel Pin Program Application
- D. Albert Garcia - U.S Marine Corps ID.pdf (1)

Qualifications

The designated honoree must live in the City of South El Monte and provide proof of enlistment and residency.

Process

Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. The banners will be installed annually & hang January through October. All banners will be given back to the families at the City's Veteran's Day Ceremony.

The banners are displayed along the major streets in South El Monte. The City will not be responsible for replacing banners that are stolen, damaged, destroyed due to sun, weather, age, vandalism, or any act of nature beyond our control such as high winds. Banners are subject to removal at the discretion of the City.

Applications can be mailed to:

Noelia Saucedo, Patriotic Commission Secretary  
City of South El Monte  
Patriotic Commission  
1556 Central Avenue  
South El Monte, CA 91733

Email: [nsaucedo@soelmonte.org](mailto:nsaucedo@soelmonte.org)

Active Military Banner

Program Application  
MILITARY HONOREE  
INFORMATION

Name of Military Service Person:

Albert Garcia

Branch of United States Military

Service:

U.S. Marines

Street Address:

[Redacted]

City:

S. El Monte

Zip Code:

91733

Phone:

[Redacted]

Email:

[Redacted]

Contact Name (Family):

Elsa Ortiz

Contact Phone Number (Family):

[Redacted]



Method of Payment (check one)

Check (made payable to the City of South El Monte)

Visa or MasterCard  
(Payments accepted at City Hall or Community Center)



# Patriotic Commission

## Verification of Enlistment

### Qualifications and Requirements:

- Is open to all military personnel who lives or has lived in South El Monte, CA.
- Provide proof of Honorable Discharge e.g. (DD214)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Application
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Proof of Honorable Discharge
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Proof of residency of the City of South El Monte during the time of service or presently.

### Mail all documents to:

City of South El Monte – Patriotic Commission  
 1556 Central Avenue  
 South El Monte, CA 91733

### Or make arrangements by contacting:

Ariana De La Cruz, Recreation Supervisor  
 Office: 626-448-0131  
 Fax: 626-448-7464  
 Email: adelacruz@soelmonte.org  
 Email: nsaucedo@soelmonte.org

## Monument Wall Application

### Contact Information

Name: Elsa Ortiz

Street Address: [REDACTED]

City: S. El Monte Zip Code: 91733

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Military Branch: U.S. Marines Rank: Lance Corporal

Other Contact Name (Family): Rance [REDACTED]



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### **Distribution of the Lapel Pin:**

Lapel Pins will be distributed on a quarterly basis, upon application approval by the Patriotic Commission in the April, August, and December Council meetings.

## Military Lapel Pin Application

### Contact Information

Name: <u>Elsa Ortiz</u>	
Street Address: <u>[REDACTED]</u>	
City: <u>S. El Monte</u>	Zip Code: <u>91733</u>
Home Phone: _____	Cell Phone: <u>[REDACTED]</u>
Email: <u>[REDACTED]</u>	
Military Branch: <u>U.S. Marines</u>	Rank: <u>Lance Corporal</u>
Other Contact Name (Family): <u>Renee</u> <u>[REDACTED]</u>	

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Affiliation  
**Uniformed  
Services**

Agency/Department  
**Marine Corps**

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**GARCIA,  
ALBERT JR**



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