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Gerardo Marquez, Director of Community  
Development & Public Works  
George Lopez, Community Development  
Analyst  
Renee Reyes, Commission Secretary

## **CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE**

### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE SOUTH EL MONTE HOMELESS COMMISSION**

#### **AGENDA**

March 11, 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 [rreyes@soelmonte.org](mailto:rreyes@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 Community Services Commission and will be part of the record but will not be read aloud.

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#### **MEETINGS**

The Homeless Commission holds regular meetings on the second 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.

#### **POSTING LOCATIONS OF AGENDA AND/OR CANCELLATION NOTICES**

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

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Renee Reyes, Commission Secretary  
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**1. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners: Flores, Leija, Thai, Vice Chair Short, and Chair Jasso-Ortega

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Flores

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**3.a. SGV CARE ACTIVITY UPDATE**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By motion of the Homeless 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 Homeless 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 Homeless 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 Homeless 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 HOMELESS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2026.**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff is requesting approval of the Minutes of the February 11, 2026, Homeless Commission Meeting.

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS - None**

**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 - None**

**10. COMMISSIONERS AGENDA - None**

**11. STAFF MEMBER COMMENTS**

**11.a. HOMELESS COMMISSION RE-ORGANIZATION FOR VICE CHAIR AND CHAIR**

**11.b. RESOURCE CARD**

**11.c. RESEARCH FOR MOBILE CONSULATE ON WHEELS**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT REGULAR HOMELESS COMMISSION MEETING:**

Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Renee Reyes, Secretary of the City of South El Monte Homeless Commission, or my designee, hereby certify under penalty of perjury that a true, accurate copy of the foregoing agenda was posted on this Thursday, March 5th, 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).

*Renee Reyes*  
Secretary

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE**  
**HOMELESS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 6:00 P.M.

1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Jasso-Ortega called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner(s): Flores, Leija, Thai, Chair Jasso-Ortega, Vice Chair Short

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): None

STAFF PRESENT: Gerardo Marquez; Director of Community Development/Public Works; George Lopez; Community Development Analyst, and Renee Reyes; Secretary.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Vice Chair Short led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Staff realized the meeting was not being recorded and began recording late due to technical difficulties.*

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

**3.a. SGV CARE PRESENTATION**

Samuel Pederson, SGV Care, spoke briefly about the program and introduced the team to the Commissioners.

Suzanne DeWalt from SGV Care, presents a presentation. They are a partner working with the City of South El Monte. She talks about the program and everything they have to offer to those in need and breaks down in detail each type of services they provide.

Lauren Brown and Suzanne DeWalt, SGV Care, speaks on currently who they are providing services to.

Giovani Godoy, SGV Care, gives more insight about the program to the Commissioners.

Commissioners praised the SGV Care team for what they are doing to help the community. They also posed questions to the SGV Care team.

**3.b. 2026 HOMELESS COUNT UPDATE**

George Lopez, Community Development Analyst presented a presentation. He gives information and updates on the Homeless Count that was held on January 21, 2026.

Commissioners posed questions to Staff.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Chair Short, seconded by Commissioner Thai, to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0- by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Flores, Leija, Thai, Vice Chair Short, Chair Jasso-Ortega.

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): None

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Jasso-Ortega opened Public Comment.

1. Denise Silva – Gives an update on an unhoused individual and her story.
2. Claudia Salazar – Provided her testimony on her journey of homelessness to her new life now.
3. Steve Romero and Bridgette – Spoke regarding their business and the services they provide to support the unhoused community.
4. Raquel Escobido – Provided her input on how to help unhoused individuals.
5. Roseann Angel and Connie Torres – Spoke about a homeless individual they are currently helping.

#### 6. CONSENT CALENDAR

##### 6.a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR HOMELESS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 14, 2026.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff is requesting approval of the Minutes of the January 14, 2026, Regular Homeless Commission Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Thai, seconded by Vice Chair Short, to approve the agenda. Motion passed 4-0-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Flores, Leija, Thai, Vice Chair Short, Chair Jasso-Ortega

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): None

- 7. **GENERAL BUSINESS** - None
- 8. **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS** - None
- 9. **CORRESPONDENCE** – None
- 10. **COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA**

**10.a. COMMISSIONER THAI**

- 1. Homeless Commission Table at Night Market.

Gerardo Marquez, Director of Community Development and Public Works stated the City provides a table for Community Services to promote its own events and resources. And the Commissioners would have a dedicated space.

**10.b. VICE CHAIR SHORT**

- 1. Information on SGV Consortium Meeting.

Vice Chair Short would like this Item to be moved to the next meeting.

- 2. Method of Notifying Businesses of Letter of Agency.

George Lopez, Community Development Analyst gave ideas and suggestions on what Staff can do, to update businesses about the Letter of Agency. Gerardo Marquez, Director of Community Development and Public works suggested Staff can also reach out to the City's Business License Department and provide them with the letter.

11. **STAFF MEMBER COMMENTS**

**11.a. RESOURCE CARD UPDATE**

George Lopez, Community Development Analyst stated that the resource card is being printed.

**11.b. SHOE DONATION UPDATE**

George Lopez, Community Development Analyst stated the City can take donated shoes to have available to SGV Care and the City.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:17 p.m., there being no more business before the Commission, Chair Jasso-Ortega adjourned the meeting to a Regular Homeless Commission Meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

I Renee Reyes, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

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Secretary

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