

Evelyn Briones, Commissioner
Cindy Flores, Commissioner
Sara Gaeta-Anguiano, Commissioner
Elizabeth Gutierrez, Commissioner



Ariana De La Cruz,
Executive Director

CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE NOTICE AND CALL OF SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA

March 19, 2026, 6:00 PM
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Advancement of Women and Girls Commission of the City of South El Monte will be held on March 19, 2026, at City Hall in the Council Chambers, 1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

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.

GENERAL COMMENT

Members of the public wishing to submit a general comment or a comment on any item listed on agenda, can email adelacruz@soelmonte.org or call (626) 652-3109 to leave a voicemail message. Written public comments will be provided to the Advancement of Women and Girls Commission and will be part of the record but will not be read aloud.

MEETINGS

The Advancement of Women and Girls Commission holds regular meetings quarterly. 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)).

Agenda and Cancellation Notices can be viewed online and are also posted at the following three (3) locations: City Hall located at 1415 Santa Anita Avenue, Senior Center located at 1556 Central Avenue and the Community Center located at 1530 Central Avenue, South El Monte, California.

VIEWING OF AGENDA PACKETS

Full agenda packet can be viewed either at www.cityofsouthelmonte.org/129/City-

Council-Agendas-Minutes or in the City Clerk's Office 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

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Ariana De La Cruz, Executive Director
Ph (626) 652-3109

AGENDA BEGINS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

1. ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Briones, Flores, Gaeta-Anguiano, and Guterrez

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Briones

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.a. Commissioner Introductions

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of the Advancement of Women and Girls 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 only provide public comments on items listed 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 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 Advancement of Women and Girls 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 ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2025

Staff is requesting approval of the Minutes of the October 15, 2025, Advancement of Women and Girls Commission Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is requesting approval of the Minutes of the October 15, 2025, Advancement of Women and Girls Commission Meeting.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.a. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Advancement of Womens and Girls Commission will nominate and select a Chair and Vice Chair for the term commencing on March 19, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission nominate and select a Chair and Vice Chair for the term commencing on March 19, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

7.b. WOMEN AND GIRLS EVENING OF EMPOWERMENT EVENT

The Advancement of Women and Girls Commission will discuss a City Council approved gala event, scheduled for Friday, September 25, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission discuss and provide feedback on the City Council approved gala event, scheduled for Friday, September 25, 2026.

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

10.a. COMMISSIONER GUTIERREZ

1. Consideration to host a Spring Mental Health Event in May for Women and Girls.

10.b. COMMISSIONER BRIONES

1. Discussion on the *2023 Girls' Index*, a national research capturing the opinions, behaviors, and aspirations of thousands of U.S. girls.

2. National Girls and Women in Sports Day


11. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS COMMISSION MEETING:

Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I, Ariana De La Cruz, Executive Director of the City of South El Monte Advancement of Women and Girls Commission, or my designee, hereby certify under penalty of perjury that a true, accurate copy of the foregoing agenda was posted on this March 12, 2026, twenty-four (24) 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.


Secretary



Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. 6.a.

DATE: March 19, 2026

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Advancement of Women and Girls Commission

FROM: Ariana De La Cruz, Director of Community Services

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2025

SUMMARY: Staff is requesting approval of the Minutes of the October 15, 2025, Advancement of Women and Girls Commission Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is requesting approval of the Minutes of the October 15, 2025, Advancement of Women and Girls Commission Meeting.

FISCAL/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION:

ATTACHMENT(S):

A. DRAFT October 15, 2025, Minutes

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS COMMISSION MEETING –
MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 15, 2025
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, California 91733

Commissioner Gaeta-Anguiano called the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner(s): Briones, Gaeta-Anguiano, and Strong
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Chair Fonseca and Vice Chair Gutierrez

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

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

3. PRESENTATIONS – None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Gaeta-Anguiano, seconded by Commissioner Strong to approve the agenda. Motion passed 3-0-2, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Briones, Gaeta-Anguino, and Strong
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Chair Fonseca and Vice-Chair Gutierrez

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Gaeta-Anguiano opened Public Comment.

There being no public comments, Commission Gaeta-Anguiano closed Public Comment.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Commissioner Strong, second by Commissioner Strong to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed 3-0-2, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Briones, Gaeta-Anguino, and Strong
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Chair Fonseca and Vice-Chair Gutierrez

7. GENERAL BUSINESS – None

8. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

Commissioner Gaeta-Anguiano announced she attended the October Community Bike Ride and Women and Girls Empowerment Brunch.

Commissioner Strong announced she attended the Women and Girls Empowerment Brunch, October Community Bike Ride and the Popeyes Grand Opening.

Commissioner Briones announced she had nothing to report.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – None

10. COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

10a. VICE CHAIR GUTIERREZ

1. Review and discuss the Women & Girls Empowerment Brunch event, including roles in planning and providing support.

Discussion/Action: Staff was directed by Vice Chair Gutierrez to present her agenda item due to her absence. Staff shared an email outlining ideas and discussion topics for the Women and Girls Empowerment Brunch.

The Commission discussed the Women's Empowerment event and identified areas for improvement. Commissioner Gaeta-Anguiano expressed interest in inviting speakers who focus on practical topics that support day-to-day life rather than primarily sharing personal life stories. The Commission also shared ideas to help enhance next year's event.

Staff was directed to coordinate a future meeting to allow the Commission to discuss the matter in further detail.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:19 p.m., there being no more business before the Commission, Commissioner Gaeta-Anguiano adjourned the meeting to be a Regular Advancement of Women and Girls Commission meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Ariana De La Cruz, Director of Community Services

Christina Fonseca, Chair



Commission Agenda Report Agenda Item No. 7.a.

DATE: March 19, 2026

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Advancement of Women and Girls Commission

FROM: Ariana De La Cruz, Director of Community Services

SUBJECT: SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

SUMMARY: The Advancement of Womens and Girls Commission will nominate and select a Chair and Vice Chair for the term commencing on March 19, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission nominate and select a Chair and Vice Chair for the term commencing on March 19, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

FISCAL/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION:

ATTACHMENT(S):

None



Commission Agenda Report Agenda Item No. 7.b.

DATE: March 19, 2026

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Advancement of Women and Girls Commission

FROM: Ariana De La Cruz, Director of Community Services

SUBJECT: WOMEN AND GIRLS EVENING OF EMPOWERMENT EVENT

SUMMARY: The Advancement of Women and Girls Commission will discuss a City Council approved gala event, scheduled for Friday, September 25, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission discuss and provide feedback on the City Council approved gala event, scheduled for Friday, September 25, 2026.

FISCAL/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION: At the October 15, 2025, Regular Advancement of Women and Girls Commission meeting, commissioners deliberated from the past Women and Girls Empowerment Conference and recommended to staff to propose a Gala in lieu of the conference.

Subsequently, staff presented the commissioner's recommendation to host a Gala at the December 2, 2025, City Council meeting and obtained approval to host this event on Friday, September 25, 2026 at the South El Monte Community Center. Staff is seeking ideas and assistance to plan and coordinate this event.

ATTACHMENT(S):

None