

Naomi Lopez, Commissioner
Victor Montiel, Commissioner
Deann Pinuelas, Commissioner
Nydia Romero, Commissioner



Jayson Perez, Commission Secretary

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

AGENDA

March 25, 2026, 6:00 PM
1556 Central Ave, 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. 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.

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 <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

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1. ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Lopez, Montiel, Pinuelas, Romero

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Lopez

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.a. Commissioner Introductions

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 FEBRUARY 25, 2026

Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the February 25, 2026, Regular Patriotic Commission meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the February 25, 2026, Regular Patriotic Commission meeting.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.a. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Patriotic Commission will nominate and select a Chair and Vice Chair for the term commencing on March 25, 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 25, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

7.b. FLAGS OF VALOR & MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY EVENTS

The Patriotic Commission is invited to discuss and provide input on the 2026 Flags of Valor and Memorial Day Ceremony.

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

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

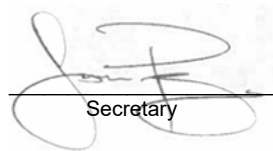
11. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING:

Wednesday, April 22, 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 March 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.



Secretary



Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. 6.a.

DATE: March 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 FEBRUARY 25, 2026

SUMMARY: Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the February 25, 2026, Regular Patriotic Commission meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the February 25, 2026, Regular Patriotic Commission meeting.

FISCAL/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION:

ATTACHMENT(S):

A. DRAFT February 25, 2026, Minutes

CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING – MINUTES

Wednesday, February 25, 2026
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

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

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner(s): 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 – Chair Romero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PRESENTATION – None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Lopez, seconded by Vice Chair Montiel to approve the agenda. Motion passed 3-0-1, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): 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 3-0-1, by the following vote:

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

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7a. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF MONUMENT WALL, MILITARY

LAPEL PIN, AND MILITARY BANNER APPLICATIONS FOR ALBERT GARCIA

Motion by Chair Romero, seconded by Vice Chair Montiel to approve Monument Wall, Military Lapel Pin, and Military Banner Application for Lance Corporal Albert Garcia. Motion passed 3-0-1, by the following vote:

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

8. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

Chair Romero announced she attended the following: Monthly Recreation and Fitness Classes for the months of November, December, January, and February.

Vice Chair Montiel announced he had nothing to report.

Commissioner Lopez announced she attended the following: Valentines Day Luncheon, Lunar New Year Luncheon, the Rio Hondo Painting Class and the Valentines Paint & Sip Social.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – None

10. COMMISSIONERS AGENDA – None

Patriotic Commission had a moment of silence in honor of Patriotic Commissioner Blanca M. Figueroa.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:12 p.m., there being no more business before the Commission, Chair Romero adjourned the meeting to a Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager

Nydia Romero, Chair



Commission Agenda Report Agenda Item No. 7.a.

DATE: March 25, 2026

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Community Services Commission

FROM: Jayson Perez , Community Services Manager

SUBJECT: SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

SUMMARY: The Patriotic Commission will nominate and select a Chair and Vice Chair for the term commencing on March 25, 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 25, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

FISCAL/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION:

ATTACHMENT(S):

None



Commission Agenda Report Agenda Item No. 7.b.

DATE: March 25, 2026

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Patriotic Commission

FROM: Jayson Perez , Community Services Manager

SUBJECT: FLAGS OF VALOR & MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY EVENTS

SUMMARY: The Patriotic Commission is invited to discuss and provide input on the 2026 Flags of Valor and Memorial Day Ceremony.

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

FISCAL/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION:

The City will host the Flags of Valor and Memorial Day Ceremony events beginning Monday, May 18, 2026, through Monday, May 25, 2026.

The Flags of Valor is a week-long event that provides the community an opportunity to honor Active Duty, Veteran, and Fallen Military Personnel. Proceeds from the \$25 per sponsored flag will be designated to support local veterans' needs, such as hotel vouchers, assistance for unhoused veterans, mental health services, food insecurity support, and other related resources.

An Opening Ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Dean L. Shively Middle School Front Lawn, where the public will have the opportunity to purchase and sponsor flags. The ceremony will feature presentations from City officials, the Boy Scouts leading the flag salute, and a performance by the Dean L. Shively Band. Complimentary hot dogs will be provided to attendees while supplies last.

On Wednesday, May 20, 2026, a flag retirement event will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Dean L. Shively Middle School Front Lawn, where community members may bring damaged or worn out American flags to be properly retired.

A closing ceremony for the Flags of Valor display will take place on Monday, May 25, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., which will be incorporated into the City's Annual Memorial Day Ceremony, providing the community an opportunity to gather and honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Lastly, the Patriotic Commission will have opportunities to participate in specific City events to help promote and secure sponsorships for the Flags of Valor display and raise awareness of the City's Military Recognition Programs. These events provide valuable opportunities for the Commission to engage with the community and share information about the programs offered by the City:

- Easter Eggstravaganza
- 2026 Night Markets
- Fourth of July Celebration

ATTACHMENT(S):

A. Flags of Valor Flyer



FLAGS OF VALOR

REMEMBER, CELEBRATE, AND HONOR

MAY 18 - 25, 2026

**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 visit
<https://bit.ly/47BP0kS>
or scan the qr code



OPENING CEREMONY

MAY 18TH | 5:30 PM

FLAGS MAY BE PURCHASED.
FREE HOT DOGS WILL BE AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

FLAG RETIREMENT

MAY 20TH | 5:30 PM

BRING YOUR DAMAGED FLAGS TO BE PROPERLY DISPOSED.

CLOSING CEREMONY

MAY 25TH | 11:00 AM

BRING YOUR DAMAGED FLAGS TO BE PROPERLY DISPOSED.

