

Nydia Romero, Chair
Naomi Lopez, Vice Chair
Victor Montiel, Commissioner
Deann Pinuelas, Commissioner
George Retamoza, Commissioner



Jayson Perez, Commission Secretary

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

AGENDA

May 27, 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. 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: Montiel, Pinuelas, Retamoza, Vice Chair Lopez, and Chair Romero

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Retamoza

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 APRIL 22, 2026

Staff is requesting approval of the Minutes of the April 22, 2026, Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is requesting approval of the Minutes of the April 22, 2026, Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.a. SOUTH EL MONTE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The Fourth of July Celebration offers the opportunity for the Patriotic Commission to partake in the planning, discussion, and promotional awareness on matters pertaining to the event.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Patriotic Commission discuss the engagement opportunities at the upcoming Fourth of July Celebration.

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 Montiel

1. Consideration to establish a commemorative Veterans Bricks Program.
2. Consideration to include a military uniform display during the Flags of Valor Event.

10.b. Commissioner Retamoza

1. Consideration to implement community outreach efforts supporting veterans and military-bound graduates.
2. Consideration to discuss funding and procurement of patriotic promotional items.

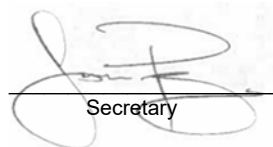
11. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING:

Wednesday, June 24, 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 May 21, 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: May 27, 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 APRIL 22, 2026

SUMMARY: Staff is requesting approval of the Minutes of the April 22, 2026, Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is requesting approval of the Minutes of the April 22, 2026, Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting.

FISCAL/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION:

ATTACHMENT(S):

A. DRAFT April 22, 2026, Minutes

CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING – MINUTES

Wednesday, April 22, 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): Montiel, Pinuelas, Retamoza, and Chair Romero
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Vice Chair Lopez

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

3a. Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager, presented on the Patriotic Commission's purpose and roles.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Montiel, seconded by Chair Romero to approve the agenda. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Montiel, Pinuelas, Retamoza, and Chair Romero
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Vice Chair Lopez

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Romero opened Public Comment.

There being no further 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): Montiel, Pinuelas, Retamoza and Chair Romero
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Vice Chair Lopez

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7a. CONTINUED FROM THE MARCH 25, 2026, REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING – FLAGS OF VALOR & MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY EVENTS

Chair Romero introduced the item, Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager, provided a report.

8. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

Chair Romero announced she attended the following: April Mat Pilates and the Easter Eggstravaganza.

Commissioner Retamoza announced he has nothing to report

Commissioner Montiel announced he had nothing to report.

Commissioner Pinuelas announced she has nothing to report.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – None

10. COMMISSIONERS AGENDA – None

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:56 p.m., there being no more business before the Commission, Chair Romero adjourned the meeting to a Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager

Nydia Romero, Chair



Commission Agenda Report Agenda Item No. 7.a.

DATE: May 27, 2026

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Patriotic Commission

FROM: Jayson Perez , Community Services Manager

SUBJECT: SOUTH EL MONTE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

SUMMARY: The Fourth of July Celebration offers the opportunity for the Patriotic Commission to partake in the planning, discussion, and promotional awareness on matters pertaining to the event.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Patriotic Commission discuss the engagement opportunities at the upcoming Fourth of July Celebration.

FISCAL/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION: At the December 2, 2025, City Council Meeting, the City Council approved the City's 2026 Special Events Calendar, which included the Fourth of July Celebration. The upcoming event offers a great opportunity for the Patriotic Commission to actively promote programs and engage with the public.

The Fourth of July Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, July 4, 2026, at New Temple Park and South El Monte High School. 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: Saturday, July 4, 2026

Location: New Temple Park & South El Monte High School

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Entertainment:

- Food Vendors
- Live Boxing Show
- World Cup Watch Party
- Letters to Soldiers Booth
- Jolly Corks Band Performance

- Live Firework Show: South El Monte High School
- Kids Fun Zone: Inflatables, Game Booths, Family Games, etc.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- A. 4th of July Celebration Flyer



CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

4TH OF JULY

**FREE
ENTRY**

CELEBRATION

NEW TEMPLE PARK

1450 LIDCOMBE AVE.
SOUTH EL MONTE
2 PM - 9 PM



FAMILY GAMES ★ KIDS SPLASH ZONE ★ LOCAL VENDORS

LIVE PERFORMANCE BY THE JOLLY CORKS 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

★ FIREWORKS SHOW AT 9 PM ★

SOUTH EL MONTE HIGH SCHOOL, 1001 N. DURFEE AVE. SOUTH EL MONTE, CA 91733

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 the city.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL SEM@SOELMONTE.ORG OR CALL 626-579-2043.