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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

July 22, 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.

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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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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

Vice Chair Lopez

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 JUNE 24, 2026

Staff is requesting approval of the minutes of the June 24, 2026, Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is requesting approval of the minutes of the June 24, 2026, Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DARK PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING DATE FOR MONTH OF AUGUST 2026.

Staff is requesting the Patriotic Commission "go dark" on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, as City Council will be taking a recess during the month of August 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Patriotic Commission approve "going dark" on Wednesday, August 26, 2026.

7.b. CONSIDERATION TO AMEND THE ACTIVE MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM TO INCLUDE ALL VETERANS AND UPDATE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The Patriotic Commission will consider and discuss expanding the current Active Military Banner Program to include all veterans and updating the program's eligibility requirements.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends that the Patriotic Commission review the proposed changes and provide direction to staff.

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

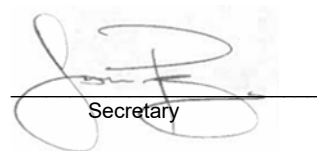
11. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING:

Wednesday, August 26, 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 July 16, 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: July 22, 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 JUNE 24, 2026

SUMMARY: Staff is requesting approval of the minutes of the June 24, 2026, Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is requesting approval of the minutes of the June 24, 2026, Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting.

FISCAL/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION:

ATTACHMENT(S):

A. DRAFT June 24, 2026, Minutes

CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING – MINUTES

Wednesday, June 24, 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): Pinuelas, Retamoza, Vice Chair Lopez,
and Chair Romero

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Montiel

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. Mr. Perez presented the City of South El Monte Military Recognition Programs.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

AYES: Commissioner(s): Pinuelas, Retamoza, Vice Chair Lopez,
and Chair Romero

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Montiel

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Romero opened Public Comment.

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

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

AYES: Commissioner(s): Pinuelas, Retamoza, Vice Chair Lopez,
and Chair Romero

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Montiel

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7a. CONINTUED FROM THE MARCH 25, 2026, REGULAR PARTRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING.- SOUTH EL MONTE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Chair Romero introduced the item, and Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager, provided information and updates on the upcoming Fourth of July Celebration.

8. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

Commissioner Lopez announced she attended the Senior Center Father's Day Luncheon.

Commissioner Pinuelas announced he has nothing to report.

Commissioner Retamoza announced he attended the International Soccer Watch Party.

Chair Romero announced she attended the following: Summer Night Market and International Soccer Watch Party.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – None

10. COMMISSIONERS AGENDA – None

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:45 p.m., there being no more business before the Commission, Chair Romero adjourned the meeting to a Regular Patriotic Commission Meeting on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager

Nydia Romero, Chair



Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. 7.a.

DATE: July 22, 2026

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Patriotic Commission

FROM: Jayson Perez , Community Services Manager

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DARK PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING DATE FOR MONTH OF AUGUST 2026.

SUMMARY: Staff is requesting the Patriotic Commission "go dark" on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, as City Council will be taking a recess during the month of August 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Patriotic Commission approve "going dark" on Wednesday, August 26, 2026.

FISCAL/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION:

ATTACHMENT(S):

None



Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. 7.b.

DATE: July 22, 2026

TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Patriotic Commission

FROM: Jayson Perez , Community Services Manager

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION TO AMEND THE ACTIVE MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM TO INCLUDE ALL VETERANS AND UPDATE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

SUMMARY: The Patriotic Commission will consider and discuss expanding the current Active Military Banner Program to include all veterans and updating the program's eligibility requirements.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends that the Patriotic Commission review the proposed changes and provide direction to staff.

FISCAL/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION: At the June 22, 2026, Patriotic Commission meeting, the Commission requested that staff include in the July 22, 2026, Patriotic Commission Meeting agenda the Consideration to Amend the Active Military Banner Program to Include All Veterans and Update Program Eligibility Requirements. The Commission expressed interest in expanding the current Active Military Banner Program to include all veterans by removing the current active-duty eligibility requirement and updating the program eligibility criteria. The Commission will discuss and consider the proposed changes.

ATTACHMENT(S):

None