

Evelyn Briones, Commissioner
Christina Fonseca, Commissioner
Sara Gaeta-Anguiano, Commissioner
Elizabeth Gutierrez, Commissioner
Alice Strong, Commissioner



Ariana De La Cruz,
Executive Director

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS COMMISSION**

AGENDA

March 27, 2025, 6:00 PM
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, CA 91733

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MEETINGS

The Advancement of Women and Girls Commission holds regular meeting quarterly. Regular meetings start at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, California.

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1. ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Briones, Fonseca, Gaeta-Anguiano, Gutierrez, and Strong

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Briones

3. PRESENTATIONS – None.

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 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 Advancement of Women and Girls Commission, including items on the agenda. Each speaker may speak up 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 removed by a member of the Advancement of Women and Girls Commission during "Approval of the Agenda" for individual consideration. Any items removed shall be individually considered immediately after taking action on the Consent Calendar.

6a. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2024

Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the July 17, 2024, Regular Advancement of Women and Girls Commission meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the July 17, 2024, Regular Advancement of Women and Girls Commission meeting.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7a. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Advancement of Women and Girls Commission will nominate and select the Chair and Vice Chair for the term commencing on January 28, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission nominate and select Chair and Vice Chair for the term commencing on January 28, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

7b. WOMEN AND GIRLS EMPOWERMENT EVENT

The Advancement of Women and Girls Commission will discuss a proposed event in efforts of the advancement of women and girls.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission discuss and provide feedback on a proposed event for the advancement of women and girls.

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, etc.) at the next regular meeting of the legislative body.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

10. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA

10a. COMMISSIONER GAETA-ANGUIANO

1. Discuss and consideration to start women and girls empowerment workshops.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion and/or Action.

2. Discuss and consideration to solicit feedback from South El Monte residents via public survey.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion and/or Action.

3. Discussion and consideration to organizing focus groups for senior female residents and local female students to help identify the needs and/or interests of the community.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion and/or Action.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

I Ariana De La Cruz, 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 on this 20th day of March 2025.


Executive Director



Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. 6.a.

DATE: March 27, 2025

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

SUBMITTED BY: Ariana De La Cruz, Executive Director

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2024

SUMMARY: Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the July 17, 2024 Regular Advancement of Women and Girls Commission meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the July 17, 2024, Regular Advancement of Women and Girls Commission meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION:

ATTACHMENT(S):

A. DRAFT July 17, 2024 Minutes

CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS COMMISSION MEETING - MINUTES
Wednesday, July 17, 2024 – 6:00 PM
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, California 91733

Commissioner Fonseca called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner(s): Fonseca, Sanchez, Strong.

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Chair Miramontes – Cornejo and Vice Chair Tavera

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

Commissioner Strong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS – None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Strong, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve the agenda. Motion passed 3-0-2, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Fonseca, Sanchez, and Strong

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Chair Miramontes-Cornejo and Tavera

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Fonseca opened public comment, there being none Commissioner Fonseca closed public comment.

Vice Chair Tavera joined the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Commissioner Strong, seconded by Commissioner Fonseca to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 4-0-1, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Fonseca, Sanchez, Strong and Vice Chair Tavera

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Chair Miramontes-Cornejo

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7a. WOMEN EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITY

Mrs. De La Cruz shared the pertaining information regarding the women empowerment conference opportunity.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

Vice Chair Tavera has nothing to report.

Commissioner Fonseca has nothing to report.

Commissioner Sanchez has nothing to report.

Commissioner Strong has nothing to report.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

10. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA

10a. COMMISSIONER STRONG

1. Discussion and consideration to host an all women and girls bike ride.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Fonseca to recommend to the City Council to host a bike ride to celebrate women and girls the weekend of September 21st. Motion passed **4-0-1**, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Fonseca, Sanchez, Strong and Vice Chair
Tavera

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Chair Miramontes-Cornejo

2. Discussion and consideration to plan a field trip to the Whittier Narrows Nature Center and experimenting the mental and spiritual health benefits of spending time in nature.

Commissioner Strong suggested planning an excursion to the Nature Center in the spring.

3. Discussion and consideration to host a financial workshop focusing on the basics of business and investment opportunities.

It was suggested by the commission that that this topic could be part of the women and girls annual empowerment workshop that the city will host either in the month of February or March of 2025.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:39 p.m. Vice Chair Tavera adjourned the meeting to a Regular Advancement of Women and Girls Commission meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Ariana De La Cruz, Director of Community Services

Chair (Vacant)



Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. 7.a.

DATE: March 27, 2025

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

FROM: Ariana De La Cruz, Community Services Director

SUBJECT: SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

SUMMARY: The Advancement of Women and Girls Commission will nominate and select the Chair and Vice Chair for the term commencing on January 28, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission nominate and select Chair and Vice Chair for the term commencing on January 28, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

DISCUSSION:

ATTACHMENT(S): None.



Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. 7.b.

DATE: March 27, 2025

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

FROM: Ariana De La Cruz, Community Services Director

SUBJECT: WOMEN AND GIRLS EMPOWERMENT EVENT

SUMMARY: The Advancement of Women and Girls Commission will discuss a proposed event in efforts of the advancement of women and girls.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission discuss and provide feedback on a proposed event for the advancement of women and girls.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

DISCUSSION: The City of South El Monte has celebrated women and girls with an Empowerment Brunch for the last two years. The brunch features a diverse lineup of speakers who took the stage to share their personal journeys and insights on topics ranging from entrepreneurship and leadership to intersectionality and allyship.

In addition to thought-provoking discussions, the event featured resource booths and networking opportunities designed to foster connections and empower women to pursue their passions and ambitions with confidence.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.