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Elizabeth Gutierrez, Vice Chair
Evelyn Briones, Commissioner
Sara Gaeta-Anguiano, Commissioner
Alice Strong, Commissioner



Ariana De La Cruz,
Executive Director

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

AGENDA

July 16, 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, Gaeta-Anguiano, Strong, Vice Chair Gutierrez, and Chair Fonseca

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Strong

3. PRESENTATIONS – Edith Rodriguez, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist presentation on Integrating Wellness to Everyday Life.

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 APRIL 16, 2025

Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the April 16, 2025, Regular Advancement of Women and Girls Commission meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CONTINUED)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the April 16, 2025, Regular Advancement of Women and Girls Commission meeting.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7a. CONTINUED FROM THE APRIL 16, 2025, REGULAR ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS COMMISSION MEETING - WOMEN AND GIRLS EMPOWERMENT EVENT

The Advancement of Women and Girls Commission will discuss the Women and Girls Empowerment Event scheduled for Saturday, September 27, 2025.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends the Commission discuss and provide feedback on the 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 – None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Wednesday, October 15, 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 10th day of July 2025.



Executive Director



Commission Agenda Report

Agenda Item No. 6.a.

DATE: July 16, 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 SPECIAL ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2025.

SUMMARY: Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the April 16, 2025, Special Advancement of Women and Girls Commission meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff is requesting approval of Minutes for the April 16, 2025, Special Advancement of Women and Girls Commission meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

DISCUSSION:

ATTACHMENT(S):

A. DRAFT April 16, 2025 Minutes

CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
SPECIAL ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS COMMISSION MEETING - MINUTES
Thursday, April 16, 2025
1415 Santa Anita Avenue, South El Monte, California 91733

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

1. ROLL CALL

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Commissioner Gaeta-Anguiano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PRESENTATION – None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Fonseca joined the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Gaeta-Anguiano, seconded by Commissioner Strong to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Commissioner Gaeta-Anguiano, seconded by Vice Chair Gutierrez to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed 5-0, the following vote:

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

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7a. CONTINUED FROM THE MARCH 27, 2025, SPECIAL ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS COMMISSION MEETING – WOMEN AND GIRLS EMPOWERMENT EVENT

The “Harvesting Her Peace” Women and Girls Empowerment Brunch will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at the Community Center.

The commission and staff will reach out to potential guest speakers and provide an update at the July meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

Item 7.a.

Motion by Commissioner Strong, seconded by Commissioner Gaeta-Anguiano to recommend to host the Women's Empowerment Brunch "Harvesting Her Peace" on Saturday, September 27, 2025. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

7b. WOMEN EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Mrs. De La Cruz shared upcoming Women Empowerment conferences and encouraged the commissioners interested in attending to reach out to staff to assist with registration.

8. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS

Commissioner Briones, nothing to report.

Commissioner Strong, nothing to report.

Vice Chair Gutierrez, nothing to report.

Chair Fonseca, nothing to report.

Commissioner Gaeta-Anguiano reported her attendance at the April Night Market.

9. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

10. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA

10a. COMMISSIONER GAETA-ANGUIANO

1. CONTINUED FROM MARCH 27, 2025, SPECIAL ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS COMMISSION MEETING – DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO HOST WOMEN AND GIRLS EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOPS

Discussion/Action: Mrs. De La Cruz suggested the Advancement of Women and Girls Commission host a Paint & Sip workshop on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Vice Chair Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Strong to host a Paint and Sip workshop. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA (CONTINUED)

2. CONTINUED FROM THE MARCH 27, 2025, SPECIAL ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS COMMISSION MEETING – DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO SOLICIT FEEDBACK FROM SOUTH EL MONTE RESIDENTS VIA PUBLIC SURVEY

Discussion/Action: Commissioner Gaeta-Anguiano requested the results for the survey conducted in 2023. Mrs. De La Cruz invited the commission to the Cinco de Mayo Night Market to host an Advancement of Women and Girls Commission to solicit feedback via survey.

Motion by Vice Chair Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Strong to create a survey and solicit feedback via survey at the May Night Market. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 p.m. Chair Fonseca adjourned the meeting to be a regular Advancement of Women and Girls Commission meeting on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, 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: July 16, 2025

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

FROM: Ariana De La Cruz, Community Services Director

SUBJECT: CONTINUED FROM THE MARCH 27, 2025, SPECIAL ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS COMMISSION MEETING - WOMEN AND GIRLS EMPOWERMENT EVENT

SUMMARY: The Advancement of Women and Girls Commission will discuss the "Harvesting Her Peace" Women and Girls Empowerment Brunch on Saturday, September 27, 2025.

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):

- A. Harvesting Her Peace Women and Girls Empowerment Brunch Flyer

CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



WOMEN & GIRLS EMPOWERMENT BRUNCH

“HARVESTING HER PEACE”

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

CHECK-IN: 10 AM - 11 AM | PROGRAM: 11 AM - 12:30 PM
SOUTH EL MONTE COMMUNITY CENTER
1530 CENTRAL AVE. SOUTH EL MONTE, CA 91733



Empowering women is not just a goal; it is a movement that continues to gain momentum globally.

In support of this inspiring cause, the City of South El Monte’s Women & Girls Empowerment Brunch is set to create waves of change, celebrate achievements, and foster unity among women from diverse backgrounds.

**FREE BRUNCH AND GIVEAWAYS
TO ALL IN ATTENDANCE!**

PLEASE RSVP AT REC@SOELMONTE.ORG OR CALL 626-579-2043 BY SEPTEMBER 19, 2025.