

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA**

February 4, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Community Services Commission was called to order by Chairman Adriana Spirescu at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Chairman Adriana Spirescu
Vice Chairman Erin Berry
Commissioner Cathy Alvarez
Commissioner Daniel Cabrera
Commissioner Rebecca Cline
Commissioner Susan Savage
Commissioner Matthew Wight

Staff:

Oliver Osuna, Community Services Director
Veronica Luna, Community Services Coordinator
Tammie Ann Acosta, Department Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 5, 2025

Commissioner Wight moved and Commissioner Savage seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 5, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Chairman Spirescu, Vice Chairman Berry, Commissioners Alvarez, Cabrera, Cline, Savage, Wight
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. 2025 HOLIDAY EVENTS DEBRIEFING

Community Services Director Osuna reported on events held during the 2025 holiday season including the Holiday Toy and Food Drive, Chili Holiday Celebration and the Santa's Holiday Caravan. He reported on attendance numbers, and various aspects of each event. He said that overall staff received positive comments from the community.

Commissioner Savage thanked staff for coordinating wonderful events for the community. She said she enjoyed riding on the Santa's Caravan and that it was well received by the community. She said she would like to see the Caravan continue further down streets in the Green Hills area. She said the chili at the Chili Holiday Celebration was warm and she and her husband enjoyed the train ride through Buccaneer Bay. Community Services Director Osuna responded and said that staff would review the route to determine whether it's feasible to reach the streets Commissioner Savage mentioned.

Chairman Spirescu said she had a wonderful time participating in the Santa's Caravan and attending the Chili Holiday Celebration. She said the Santa photo photographer at the Chili Holiday event was very good, and that staff members consistently produce well-coordinated and professional events.

Commissioner Alvarez said she volunteered at the Chili Holiday Celebration with the La Mirada Community Foundation at the Santa photos. She said it was rewarding to see so many families turn out to see the Santa's Caravan come through the neighborhoods.

Commissioner Cabrera reported on his attendance at the Chili Holiday Celebration and his participation in the Santa's Caravan. He said this was his first time attending both events and he felt they were both very well organized. He asked if there was a way for those on the caravan to get a bathroom break. Community Services Director Osuna responded and said it's difficult to stop the procession, however staff members would explore possible ways to incorporate a stop.

Commissioner Cline said the layout for the Chili Holiday Celebration was thoughtful and provided for an easy flow. She mentioned that the Christmas carolers were exceptional.

Vice Chairman Berry said following her attendance at the Chili Holiday Celebration she visited a holiday event at a neighboring city and that La Mirada's event was well structured and better organized in comparison.

Commissioner Wight said it was wonderful to see so many local vendors participating in the Chili Holiday Celebration. He mentioned the EDCO trash truck was a hit with many community members during the Santa's Caravan.

3. LOVE A TREE POSTER CONTEST

Community Services Director Osuna reported on the annual Love a Tree poster contest. He said school children throughout La Mirada are invited to submit works of art showcasing the importance of trees in the community. He said Arbor Day is a national holiday and would be observed on April 24, 2026. He said on April 1, Commissioners will review the posters on display and select first place winners from each grade level. He said students whose posters are selected as first place City-wide winners would be invited to attend a City Council meeting on April 28 and be recognized for their achievement.

4. OLDER AMERICANS RECOGNITION DAY AWARD

Community Services Director Osuna reported that the Older Americans Recognition Day Award Program recognizes seniors throughout Los Angeles County for their dedicated volunteer service and positive impact on the lives of others. He said the City of La Mirada's honoree will be recognized during the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging 61st annual awards program and accept the City's proclamation of May as Older Americans Month on behalf of La Mirada's senior community in May 2026.

He reported that four nominations were received and suggested the Commission review and select one nominee to be considered for the award. Commissioner Alvarez excused herself from the room to allow Commissioners to discuss the nominees, as she was one of the nominees. Also in attendance at the meeting was Senior Council Chairman Mary Hall who was also nominated, and she too excused herself from the room during the discussion.

Commissioner Wight said the Love La Mirada program also offers a volunteer recognition program that would be suitable for those who were nominated for this award.

Commissioners collectively reviewed the nominations and said all nominees are deserving of the award.

Commissioner Wight moved and Vice Chairman Berry seconded and selected Cathy Alvarez to be the recipient of this year's Older Americans Recognition Day Award.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Chairman Spirescu, Vice Chairman Berry, Commissioners Cabrera, Wight
NOES: Commissioners Cline, Savage
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Commissioner Alvarez

SENIOR, HISTORICAL, AND YOUTH COUNCIL REPORTS

Senior Council Chairman Mary Hall reported the senior excursion to the Nixon Presidential Library would be held February 26. She reported there were 118 seniors in attendance at the recent All that Dance and that those in attendance enjoyed the local La Mirada country band.

Historical Preservation Advisory Councilmember (HPAC) Marlene Olsen reported tours of the Neff Mansion and George House were closed during the holidays. She reported staff has arranged for a new archive space at the Resource Center with equipment and room for members to review materials. She also reported that the AARP Tax program is underway and that she and her husband are volunteering again this year.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Alvarez reported on her participation in the Kiwanis holiday shopping spree for youth. She said she attended the State of the City event and is looking forward to the Youth in Government luncheon. She thanked Commissioners and Mary Hall for the selection and nomination as this year's Older American recipient.

Commissioner Cabrera thanked staff for allowing him to ride on the Santa's Caravan. He said it was great to be included. He reported on his attendance at the Concert Share event and said it was great to be part of the process.

Vice Chairman Berry reported she appreciated being included in this year's Santa's Caravan and said her family enjoyed seeing her on the route. She said she's looking forward to judging the Love a Tree poster submissions.

Commissioner Cline reported the holiday events were wonderful.

Commissioner Savage reported there were many wonderful events during 2025 and that she's looking forward to events in 2026.

Chairman Spirescu reported on the Santa's Caravan and said she was honored to be asked to participate in the procession. She reported on her attendance at the Concert Share event and said it was great to be part of the process.

Commissioner Wight reported on his attendance at the State of the City event. He acknowledged staff for their efforts to help open doors for communication with various organizations to secure field space during the Behringer Park renovation closure. He reported on the success of the Behringer Park construction and said the community is grateful for the City's efforts to enhance the park.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

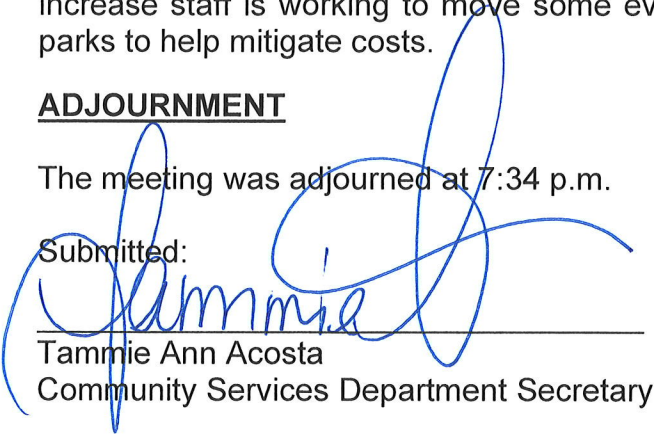
Community Services Director Osuna reported the City Council would be reviewing proposals from the Commission regarding the 250th anniversary of America at its upcoming Study Session meeting. He also reported that Los Angeles County recently contacted the City to advise about

increases in rental fees for the use of La Mirada Regional Park. He said as a result of the increase staff is working to move some events from La Mirada Regional Park to La Mirada parks to help mitigate costs.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Submitted:



Tammie Ann Acosta
Community Services Department Secretary

Attest:



Adriana Spirescu
Chairman