

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE LA MIRADA SENIOR COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**                      The meeting of the La Mirada Senior Council was called to order at 10 a.m. at the La Mirada Activity Center, Community Room 1, 13810 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California 90638.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**        The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Martha Viayra.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:      Chairperson Martha Viayra  
                 Vice Chairperson Mary Hall  
                 Member Diane Albert  
                 Member Peggy Roman  
                 Member Tom Rosholt  
                 Member Eugena Thomas

Absent:        Member Larry Torres

Staff:          Lisa Montoya, Community Services Supervisor  
                 Micaela Diores, Community Services Secretary

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Marlene Olsen reported on activities held at the La Mirada Vistas. She provided positive feedback regarding the Salute to Veterans event and Veterans Day Ceremony.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1.      MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2023**

**Chairperson Viayra moved and Vice Chairperson Hall seconded to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2023 Senior Council meeting.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:**        Chairperson Viayra, Vice Chairperson Hall, Members Albert, Roman, Thomas

**NOES:**        None

**ABSENT:**     Member Torres

**ABSTAIN:**   Members Rosholt

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **2. SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE**

Chairperson Viayra reported on fall activities at Breezewood Village, including its Thanksgiving luncheon.

Vice Chairperson Hall reported on upcoming holiday events at Lake Park La Mirada, including its Thanksgiving dinner.

Member Roman said La Mirada Landmark's annual Fall Festival was a success. She encouraged Members to attend next year's event.

Member Thomas reported on fall activities at Somerset Glen, including a friendship potluck and new craft classes.

Member Rosholt commended the City for its Halloweenfest event and said Members enjoyed judging this year's costume contest. He said he attended the Salute to Veterans event and noted a decrease in attendance.

### **3. OLDER AMERICANS RECOGNITION DAY AWARD**

Community Services Supervisor Lisa Montoya provided a brief overview of Older Americans Month and the 2024 Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) Awards Program hosted by the County of Los Angeles. She said La Mirada's honoree will be selected by the Community Services Commission and honored at the OARD awards ceremony in May 2024.

Member Thomas asked if last year's nominees will be considered for this year's award.

Community Services Supervisor Montoya responded and confirmed that last year's nominees will be considered for this year's award.

Members reviewed and discussed the 2024 OARD Award. Members did not have any changes to the nomination form or the selection process.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **3. 2023 CHILI HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**

Community Services Supervisor Lisa Montoya reported on the Chili Holiday Celebration on December 2 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center. She recommended Members volunteer to assist with the Holiday Toy and Food Drive booth.

Chairperson Viayra, Vice Chairperson Hall, Members Roman and Rosholt volunteered to assist with the Holiday Toy and Food Drive booth.

#### **4. ALL THAT DANCE**

Community Services Supervisor Montoya reported on the All That Dance event on December 8 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the La Mirada Activity Center. She said the dance will feature a holiday theme, photos with Santa, and live entertainment by DJ Professor D.

Chairperson Viayra, Vice Chairperson Hall, Members Albert, Roman, and Rosholt volunteered to assist with the All That Dance event.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT**

Chairperson Viayra attended the Community Services Commission meeting on November 1. She said discussions included the Military Banner Recognition Program, Halloweenfest, Salute to Veterans, and the Chili Holiday Celebration.

#### **MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Member announcements.

#### **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Community Services Supervisor Montoya reported on the Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority's Café on the Green lunch program held at the La Mirada Activity Center. She said the monthly menu is available and encouraged Members to help advertise the lunch program at their respective senior communities.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

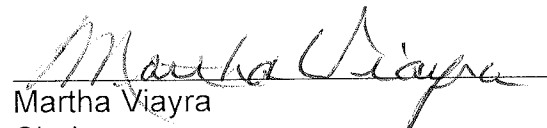
The meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Submitted:



Micaela Diores  
Community Services Secretary

Attest:



Martha Viayra  
Chairperson