

CITY OF IRWINDALE

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NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING OF THE

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION

March 23, 2026

9:00 AM

IRWINDALE COUNCIL CHAMBER

CAROL ACOSTA - Chair

ROBERT LOPEZ - Vice Chair

DOLORAS AMADOR - Commissioner

LINDA MAREZ - Commissioner

IRIS RODRIGUEZ - Commissioner

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Code of Ethics

As City of Irwindale Senior Citizen Commissioners, our fundamental duty is to serve the public good. We are committed to the principle of an efficient and professional local government. We will be exemplary in obeying the letter and spirit of Local, State and Federal laws and City policies affecting the operation of the government and in our private life. We will be independent and impartial in our judgment and actions.

We will work for the common good of the City of Irwindale community and not for any private or personal interest. We will endeavor to treat all people with respect and civility. We will commit to observe the highest standards of morality and integrity, and to faithfully discharge the duties of our office regardless of personal consideration. We shall refrain from abusive conduct, personal charges or verbal attacks upon the character or motives of others.

We will inform ourselves on public issues, listen attentively to public discussions before the body, and focus on the business at hand. We will base our decisions on the merit and substance of that business. We will be fair and equitable in all actions, claims or transactions. We shall not use our official position to influence government decisions in which we have a financial interest or where we have a personal relationship that could present a conflict of interest, or create a perception of a conflict of interest.

We shall not take advantage of services or opportunities for personal gain by virtue of our public office that are not available to the public in general. We shall refrain from accepting gifts, favors or promises of future benefit that might compromise our independence of judgment or action or give the appearance of being compromised.

We will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit or embarrassment to the City of Irwindale. We will be honest in thought and deed in both our personal and official lives.

Ultimate responsibility for complying with this Code of Ethics rests with the individual elected and appointed official. In addition to any other penalty as provided by law, violation of this Code of Ethics may be used as a basis for disciplinary action or censure of a Council Member and/or Commissioner.

These things we hereby pledge to do in the interest and purposes for which our government has been established.

IRWINDALE SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION



1. **CALL TO ORDER**2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**3. **INVOCATION**4. **ROLL CALL** **Commissioners: Doloras Amador, Linda Marez, Iris Rodriguez; Vice Chair Robert Lopez; Chair Carol Acosta**5. **AB 2449 DISCLOSURES**

Remote participation by a member of the legislative body for just cause or emergency circumstances

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Consent Calendar contains matters of routine business and is to be approved with one motion unless a member of the Commission requests separate action on a specific item. At this time, members of the audience may ask to be heard regarding an item on the Consent Calendar.

A. Minutes of the Meetings Held January 26 and February 23, 2026

Department: City Clerk

Recommendation: Approve

7. **SPONTANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS**

This is the time set aside for members of the audience to speak on any item not on this agenda that is within the Commission's subject matter jurisdiction. The Senior Citizen Commission is an advisory body appointed by the City Council that reviews and provides recommendations on matters related to the senior citizens of the community. Except for very limited circumstances, state law prohibits any Commission discussion or action on items that are not on the agenda.

All members of the public are asked to observe the City's Rules of Procedure and Public Meeting Decorum. The City's Rules of Procedure and Public Meeting Decorum can be found on the City's website, and at Chapter 2.40 of the Irwindale Municipal Code. You may also contact the City Clerk's Office for copies.

Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes unless such time limits are extended. If a member of the public wishes to donate their time to another speaker, both persons must be physically present and in attendance of the meeting. The Presiding Officer may, in his or her discretion, extend the 3-minute time limitation for the particular subject for all speakers. In no event shall the total amount of speaking time exceed 6 minutes per person for the subject under discussion. Organized groups of persons wishing to address the Board on the same subject should select a spokesperson to represent the group so as to avoid unnecessary repetition.

The Commission may regulate a speaker who is speaking too long or out of order, being unduly repetitious, discussing irrelevancies, or extending to items not within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Please be reminded that discrimination, abusive use of profanity, unruly disruption,

and violent or physically threatening conduct is discouraged. Members of the public shall not disrupt the orderly conduct of the meeting. The Presiding Officer will request that a person cease any disruptive conduct, and if not immediately stopped, will direct the person to be removed from the meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

At this time, members of the audience may ask to be heard regarding an item on New Business.

9. SENIOR CENTER MANAGER UPDATE

10. PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR UPDATE

11. REQUESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS BY COMMISSION

If a Commissioner is interested in a task or project, the Commissioner shall request that the item be agendized in this section.

12. ADJOURN

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, Laura Nieto, Chief Deputy City Clerk, certify that I caused the agenda for the regular meeting of the Irwindale Senior Citizen Commission to be held on March 23, 2026, to be posted at the City Hall, Library, and Post Office on **March 19, 2026**.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura M. Nieto". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laura M. Nieto, MMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

**IRWINDALE COUNCIL CHAMBER
5050 N. IRWINDALE AVENUE
IRWINDALE, CALIFORNIA 91706**

**JANUARY 26, 2026
MONDAY
9:00 A.M.**

The Irwindale **SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION** met in regular session at the above time and place.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Doloras Amador, Linda Marez, Iris Rodriguez; Vice Chair Carol Acosta; Chair Robert Lopez

Also present: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Works Services Director; Elena Martinez, Senior Center Manager; and Armando Hegdahl, Management Analyst

**COMMISSION
REORGANIZATION**

Management Analyst Hegdahl explained that it would be appropriate to conduct the reorganization of the Senior Citizen Commission and opened the floor to nominations for the position of Chair.

Commissioner Rodriguez nominated Commissioner Acosta.

There being no further nominations, Management Analyst Hegdahl closed the floor to nominations and, on a call for the vote, Commissioner Acosta was unanimously appointed to the position of Chair.

Chair Acosta resumed the meeting and opened the floor to nominations for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Rodriguez nominated Commissioner Lopez.

There being no further nominations, Chair Acosta closed the floor to nominations and, on a call for the vote, Commissioner Lopez was unanimously appointed to the position of Vice Chair.

AB 2449 DISCLOSURES

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Vice Chair Lopez, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was unanimously approved, Chair Acosta abstaining.

**ITEM NO. 7A
MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held December 16, 2025, were approved as presented.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

**SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS**

“Irma” requested that registrations for classes and events be accepted on one day each month instead of several times per month.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 9A
FIELD TRIP POLICY PRESENTATION

Manager Martinez presented the report.

Responding to a question by Vice Chair Lopez, Manager Martinez noted that trips are experiencing fewer “no shows” from individuals that sign up to attend but then do not arrive.

Commissioner Rodriguez asked whether refunds are received on unused tickets, to which Manager Martinez noted that some tickets are refunded, while others do not offer refunds. She added that staff tries to reach out to those that have signed up on waiting lists to have them take the place of the no-show to avoid wasting tickets.

Commissioner Amador asked whether individuals that are unable to attend trips they signed up for due to unforeseen hospital trips would be considered “no shows”, to which Manager Martinez confirmed that they would not.

In answer to several questions from Pat Gonzales, Director Rodriguez described the procedures undertaken by staff when tickets become available on the day of the trip.

ITEM NO. 9B
DISCUSSION OF NON-RESIDENT REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Manager Martinez presented the report and answered clarifying questions posed by members of the Commission. Regarding the request made by Irma to hold registrations for all classes and activities on one day, Manager Martinez advised that seniors would likely face very long and tiring days at the Senior Center if they were to need to register for all activities and events on one day.

Director Rodriguez added that staff could discuss the request further, though she noted that the previous Senior Center Manager did not believe that registrations could all occur on the same day.

Pat Gonzales suggested that residents be allowed to register during the first two weeks of every month, and non-residents be allowed to register during the final two weeks of every month.

**SENIOR CENTER
MANAGER UPDATE**

Senior Center Manager Martinez provided the following update:

- 1) The Senior Center had limited available open hours during the Christmas season, with an average of 20 individuals visiting the Center, and another 10 home-bound residents enjoying warm meals that were delivered by staff.
- 2) A trip to Pala Casino was held on January 17.
- 3) A Six Taste of Food Walking Tour has been scheduled for February 7.
- 4) A trip to the Knott's Boysenberry Festival has been scheduled for March 15.
- 5) The April 18 trip to the Ramona Pageant has been cancelled, with a trip to the Dodgers' game having been scheduled instead.
- 6) A Christmas Dance was held on December 12 and a New Year's Eve dance was held on January 9.
- 7) An Active Shooter Safety Seminar was held January 14.
- 8) The first Loteria game of 2026 has been scheduled for January 23.
- 9) A Bunco fundraiser has been scheduled for February 19.

Commissioner Amador stated that she did not see a sign on the corner so that interested people could see that a boutique had been scheduled, to which Manager Martinez advised that a large banner has been created to advertise the boutique, which is hung over Arrow Highway.

**PUBLIC SERVICES
DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Director Rodriguez provided the following update:

- 1) She congratulated Chair Acosta and Vice Chair Lopez on their appointments as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.
- 2) The Recreation Department is hosting a "Locks of Love" community display during February.
- 3) A RockAbilities Friendship Dance has been scheduled for February 11.
- 4) Recreation is hosting an annual Family Valentines Dance on February 13.
- 5) A Valetines Bingo event has been scheduled for February 14.
- 6) City offices will be closed on February 16 in observance of Presidents Day.
- 7) An Adult Family Trip to the Grammy Museum has been scheduled for February 21.
- 8) The Library is hosting a Chinese New Year's celebration on February 21.
- 9) The Library is also hosting a "Library for All" sensory hour on February 25.

Responding to a question by Chair Acosta, Director Rodriguez advised that the construction of the new Library is scheduled to be completed by the end of March, with the rest of the project, including landscaping, to be completed by the end of June.

**REQUESTS FOR AGENDA
ITEMS BY COMMISSION**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

ATTEST:

Armando Hegdahl, CMC
Management Analyst

**IRWINDALE COUNCIL CHAMBER
5050 N. IRWINDALE AVENUE
IRWINDALE, CALIFORNIA 91706**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2026
MONDAY
9:00 A.M.**

The Irwindale **SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION** met in regular session at the above time and place.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Doloras Amador, Linda Marez, Iris Rodriguez; Vice Chair Robert Lopez; Chair Carol Acosta

Also present: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Works Services Director; Elena Martinez, Senior Center Manager; and Armando Hegdahl, Management Analyst

AB 2449 DISCLOSURES

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

No items for approval; no action necessary.

**SPONTANEOUS
COMMUNICATIONS**

Pat Gonzales thanked staff for arranging the Six Taste Walking Food Tour and suggested that the \$5 burrito be sold for \$10 to raise more funds during the fundraiser.

**SENIOR CENTER
MANAGER UPDATE**

Senior Center Manager Martinez provided the following update:

- 1) Class registrations for residents begins March 1. Current class sessions end March 21, with the next session beginning March 30.
- 2) The Senior Center will be closed on March 31 in observance of Cesar Chavez Day.
- 3) Staff recently held the Six Taste Walking Food Tour and will hold a trip to the Knott's Boysenberry Festival on March 14.
- 4) A trip to the Dodgers vs. Rangers ball game is scheduled for April 11.
- 5) A Valentines Day Dance was held on February 13.
- 6) A pool tournament was held on February 18.
- 7) A Bunco fundraiser was held recently where participants enjoyed a spaghetti lunch.
- 8) A Spring Boutique has been scheduled for April 1.
- 9) A Public Transportation seminar has been scheduled for March 24.

Commissioner Amador asked about donating books, to which Manager Martinez stated that she would speak to staff about having a table at the Spring Boutique for this purpose, or perhaps at the parking lot sale scheduled for June.

Commissioner Marez suggested that a list of items that could be donated to the Senior Center be created so that interested individuals may purchase them for donation.

Pat Gonzales stated that libraries don't accept book donations anymore, though organizations such as "Friends of the Library" would likely receive them.

PUBLIC SERVICES
DIRECTOR UPDATE

Director Rodriguez provided the following update:

- 1) Upcoming Aquatics Division activities and events.
- 2) The Police Department has announced a revamped K9 program after a nearly 15-year hiatus. The canine is currently being trained by Officer Byron Araica.
- 3) She also provided an update on the Library project.
- 4) She then provided updates on Public works Maintenance staff activities and work.
- 5) She also provided details for upcoming Recreation and Library events and trips.

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA
ITEMS BY COMMISSION

Chair Acosta requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Paul Anthony Tapia. She also congratulated Commissioner Marez for having been recognized as the Irwindale Citizen of the Year for 2026 by the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Marez suggested placing an item on the next agenda to discuss the feasibility of sending greeting cards from the Senior Center to those that are sick, to which Manager Martinez noted that a survey was sent to residents to gauge their interest in such a program and noted that a few responses have been received though there may be ways to help spread the message around.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m., in memory of Paul Anthony Tapia.

ATTEST:

Armando Hegdahl, CMC
Management Analyst