

CITY OF IRWINDALE

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**NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION
May 26, 2026**

9:30 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 Meeting Held April 27, 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.

A. Senior Citizen Commission Meeting Times

Department: Public Services

Recommendation: Discuss and provide recommendation to staff.

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 agendaized in this section.

12. ADJOURN

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, Armando Hegdahl, Management Analyst, certify that I caused the agenda for the special meeting of the Irwindale Senior Citizen Commission to be held on May 26, 2026, to be posted at the City Hall, Library, and Post Office on May 21, 2026.



Armando Hegdahl, CMC
Management Analyst

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

**APRIL 27, 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, Iris Rodriguez; Vice Chair Robert Lopez;
Chair Carol Acosta

Absent: Commissioner Linda Marez

Also present: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Works Services Director; Elena Martinez, Senior Center Manager; and Laura Nieto, Chief Deputy City Clerk

AB 2449 DISCLOSURES

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

ITEM NO. 6A
MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held March 23, 2026, were approved as presented.

SPONTANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Pat Gonzales complimented staff on the recent brunch and noted that some seniors will sometimes go to a room at the Senior Center to take a nap without informing staff.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 8A
READING ROOM TRANSITION

Manager Martinez presented the staff report and made a PowerPoint presentation.

The commissioners commented favorably on the suggested updates to the Reading Room as discussed and consensus was reached to receive and file the update.

ITEM NO. 8B
SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Manager Martinez presented the staff report.

In response to a question from Chair Acosta, Director Rodriguez advised that the current Young Citizen of the Year competition is organized through the City.

Commissioner Amador noted that she has been approached by residents who strongly suggested implementing a new "Senior Citizen of the Year" program.

Chair Acosta noted that creating such a program would be very time-consuming for staff that already have large workloads.

Commissioner Amador concurred that the request is not needed.

Chair Acosta suggested for interested individuals to nominate seniors to the Citizen of the Year competition sponsored by the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce.

Director Rodriguez concurred and indicated that staff could add information to a citywide mailer to encourage residents to nominate seniors to receive the Citizen of the Year award from the Chamber.

It was decided that the seniors could better utilize the Citizen of the Year nomination rather than create a new "Senior Citizen of the Year" event to recognize seniors.

SENIOR CENTER MANAGER UPDATE

Senior Center Manager Martinez provided the following update:

- 1) Class registrations will begin soon.
- 2) The Senior Center will be closed on May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.
- 3) The Dodgers' game this month went well.
- 4) An upcoming trip to Morongo Casino has been scheduled for May.
- 5) A trip to Catalina Island has been scheduled for June.
- 6) This year's annual Spring Boutique has been scheduled for April 1.
- 7) A Spring Fling Dance has been scheduled for April 17.
- 8) A Loteria has been scheduled for May 5.
- 9) The Mother's Day event scheduled for May 8 has sold out.
- 10) An Easter Egg Hunt event was held on April 3
- 11) A Bingo Fundraiser has been scheduled for May 15.

PUBLIC SERVICES **DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Director Rodriguez provided the following update:

- 1) The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast has been scheduled for April 30.
- 2) Residents could dispose of household and e-waste at collection events scheduled for May 2 and May 16.
- 3) The Spring Bulky Item and E-Waste Pickup event is scheduled for May 8.
- 4) She also provided details on upcoming Aquatics, Rockabilities, Recreation, and Library events.
- 5) The Council will hold a budget workshop on May 21.
- 6) All facilities except for the Police Department will be closed on May 15 in observance of Memorial Day.

7) An annual recycling event and compost giveaway has been scheduled for June 13.

**REQUESTS FOR AGENDA
ITEMS BY COMMISSION**

Chair Acosta requested to place an item on the next agenda to discuss the potential of changing the days on which the Senior Commission meets.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

ATTEST:

Armando Hegdahl, CMC
Management Analyst

City of
IRWINDALE
AGENDA REPORT

Date: May 26, 2026
To: Honorable Chair and Members of the Senior Citizen Commission
From: Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director
Issue: Senior Citizen Commission Meeting Times

Public Services Director's Recommendation:

Discuss and provide recommendation to staff.

Administrative Action:

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Rodriguez, Public Services Director

Prepared by:

Elena Martinez, Senior Center Manager

Background and Analysis:

During the April 27 Commission meeting, Chair Acosta requested that the Commission meeting time be agendized for discussion at the June Commission meeting. Due to multiple federal holidays falling on Mondays, the Commission's regular meeting schedule has conflicted with holiday closures, resulting in the need to reschedule meetings on several occasions.

Staff recommends moving the regular Commission meeting to Tuesdays to help avoid future scheduling conflicts. Staff further recommends that the Commission consider either maintaining the current 9:00 a.m. meeting time or adjusting the start time to 9:30 a.m. Staff is seeking the Commission's recommendation for adjustment of meeting times.

Attachments:

None