

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA MIRADA YOUTH COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 29, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**                      The regular meeting of the La Mirada Youth Council was called to order by Chairman Isabelle Alejandre at 6:30 p.m. at the La Mirada Resource Center, 13710 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California 90638.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**              The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL**              Present:      Chairman Isabelle Alejandre  
                                                                                 Vice Chairman Madison Souza  
                                                                                 Member Ethan Hall  
                                                                                 Member-at-Large Emma Vanden Dries  
                                                                                 Member-at-Large Katherine Jimenez  
                                                                                 Alternate Member Daniel Morales

                                         Absent:      Member Lianna Blancoromero  
                                                                                 Member-at-Large Carol Eskandar

                                         Staff:        Anne Haraksin, Assistant City Manager  
                                                                                 Paul Castillo, Community Services Supervisor

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2025**

**Chairman Alejandre moved and Member-at-Large Emma Vanden Dries seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 29, 2025.**

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

**AYES:              Chairman Alejandre, Vice Chairman Souza, Members Hall, Members-at-Large, Jimenez, Dries, Alternate Morales**

**NOES:              None**

**ABSENT:          Member Blancoromero, Member-at-Large Carol Eskandar**

**ABSTAIN:        None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2. ELECTRIC MOBILITY DEVICES**

Community Services Supervisor Castillo introduced Assistant City Manager, Anne Haraksin who reported on electric mobility devices. Ms. Haraksin reported that Public Safety and Traffic Commission recently expressed interest in regulating the use of electric mobility devices (EMDs) in the community. EMDs include electric bicycles, electrically motorized boards, and motorized scooters. She said following the recommendation, the City Council expressed an interest in having the Youth Council discuss ways to educate students and community members on the new regulations and safe practices for riding EMDs.

Community Services Supervisor Castillo facilitated a discussion with Youth Council Members regarding electric mobility devices. Members asked if other local cities are implementing similar regulations, and if the citations remain on the youth's record. They also asked if it was legal for electric mobility users to utilize general traffic lanes or would they be restricted to the bike lane.

Ms. Haraksin responded and said many cities are implementing regulations for e-bikes. She said devices would be allowed in the bike lanes, and that citations would not go on a youth's permanent record.

Chairman Alejandro recommended the City utilize its social media outlets to help inform the youth about the new regulations.

Member Hall recommended implementing a speed limit for electronic mobility devices.

### **3. COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS FOR THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE**

Community Services Supervisor Castillo reported on the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Continental Congress's approval of the Declaration of Independence. He said the semiquincentennial will be a once in a generation event and communities across the country are planning celebrations to honor the historic event. He asked Youth Council Members to provide suggestions for ways the City could commemorate the anniversary.

Youth Council Members collectively offered the following suggestions: the City to host a concert with a patriotic band such as Bruce Springsteen, create commemorative headbands, create a trivia game centered around the celebration and participants would receive an entry ticket into a giveaway, create Instagram posts to gain exposure, have a flag ceremony, and to host a commemorative banquet.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT**

None

### YOUTH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alternate Member Morales reported on an upcoming trunk or treat event he will attend and said he will dress up as a police officer for Halloween. He reported he is preparing college applications and is a senior patrol leader in his Boy Scout troop.

Member-at-Large Vanden Dries reported she will be volunteering at the City of Whittier's haunted house event on Halloween. She said she is looking forward to attending high school and is a member of the National Charity League. She also reported on her participation assisting her school with creating a musical nativity scene for Christmas.

Member Hall reported he is glad his doctor will be removing his cast soon and it will allow him to possibly play in the upcoming CIF game, provided his team wins the next game.

Member-at-Large Jimenez reported Homecoming is fast approaching and she has been busy with her advanced placement physics class and her swim team.

Chairman Alejandre reported she volunteered at a trunk or treat event at her school and made root-beer-floats that generated \$200 in donations. She said her tennis team's season is concluding in the coming weeks.

Vice Chairman Souza reported her schoolwork has been challenging; however she was glad she earned a B grade in her precalculus class. She said she is looking forward to volunteering with her science class at an upcoming trunk or treat event at her school.

### STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Supervisor Castillo reported on the Halloweenfest, Chili Holiday Celebration and the City's upcoming hiring of new staff in January.

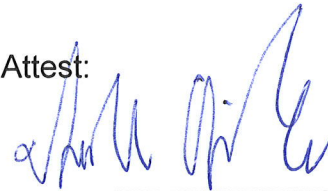
### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted:

  
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Paul Castillo  
Community Services Supervisor

Attest:

  
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Isabelle Alejandre  
Chairman