



City of San Leandro

City Hall
835 East 14th Street
San Leandro, California

Minutes

Senior Commission

Thursday, October 9, 2025

10:00 AM

Senior Community Center 13909 E. 14th St.

SPECIAL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

Present 8: Woycheshin, Comelo, McHenry, Dillon, Lopez Nacario,
McMichael-Cady, Peña, and Gopalkrishnan

Excused Absence: Brennan

Also in attendance were Home Match Alameda County Program Director,
Rachel Matthews, and Senior Commission Secretary Pedro Naranjo.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Woycheshin provided logistical guidance.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approved-MSA (McHenry, Gopalkrishnan) (8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions)

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DRAFT Minutes of the Senior Commission Meeting of September 18,
2025

Attachments: [2025.9.18 DRAFT Senior Commission Minutes](#)

4. CITY STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.A. City-wide Updates

Naranjo provided an update regarding a question raised during the September Senior Commission meeting about the City's Emergency Sirens. The sirens are a tool to notify residents about an emergency, but they are not working. The City has about a dozen throughout the City. It is a very costly project that the City is studying.

Naranjo shared that the City needs to make additional reductions to the budget in Fiscal year 2026-2027 due to the City being in a structural deficit. Naranjo will share opportunities for public engagement once the information is

available.

Naranjo provided an update regarding a question raised during the September Senior Commission meeting about the landscaping around the Senior Community Center. The City agrees that the landscaping around the building could use enhancements. Given limited funding, the City may need to replace plants in phases as funding permits. The first step is making sure that the irrigation where plants are currently located is operating properly. Recreation and Parks Department staff will inform us about next steps.

Naranjo provided an update regarding a question raised during the September Senior Commission meeting about the City's Ambassador program. There haven't been any changes to the scope of downtown safety ambassadors. However, there have been staff changes, and it's been slow to fill vacant positions. They have gone from two people to one person per shift. The information on the SLIA downtown website is accurate. Seniors can always call the ambassador number with questions, concerns, and to request an escort to their car.

Naranjo shared an update regarding the Diwali as told by the Dance of Bharatanatyam—Celebrate the festival of Lights event, which is a captivating cultural experience to learn about the heritage, symbolism, and spirit of Diwali through this powerful art form. The event is on October 11th from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the Manor Branch Library.

4.B. Human Services Department-wide Updates

Regarding the Lewelling Interim Housing demographics, based on data from the first quarter of being opened, a little over half the interim housing component participants were in the age group of 45 and older.

Lastly, Naranjo provided an update regarding a previous request by the Senior Commission to schedule another tour of the Lewelling Interim Housing and Drop-In Navigation Center. He shared that currently there is no capacity or plans to schedule any additional tours.

4.C. Senior Services Updates

A Halloween BINGO event is scheduled for October 31st from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Naranjo invited commissioners to help.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were shared. Also, Naranjo reported that no public comments were received via eComment; the Senior Commission was advised by email on Wednesday, October 8, 2025.

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.A. Home Match Program Presentation

Home Match Program Director, Rachel Matthews, provided an overview of the Home Match program. The update included background about the

organization, overview of programs and services, and an update about services offered in San Leandro through a contract with the City. Staff and commissioners asked relevant questions.

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Home Match Presentation

Attachments: [Home Match Program Presentation](#)

7. ACTION ITEMS

7.A. October 2025 Age-Friendly Initiative Update

Naranjo provided Age-Friendly initiative updates regarding progress made with several of the Initiative's priorities. Specifically, updates were shared in the following priority areas: Plan Sustainability, Personal Protection, Housing Security, Health & Wellness, Transportation, and Social Connection. Throughout the presentation, Naranjo provided Age-Friendly Implementation Plan updates, received input, and solicited support where possible.

A member of the public shared relevant comments and questions. Commissioners also shared relevant questions and comments.

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October 2025 Age-Friendly Initiative Implementation Plan Update

Attachments: [October 2025 Age-Friendly Initiative Priority Projects Update Presentation](#)

7.B. Status of December Senior Commission Meeting

Motion was made to cancel the December 2025 Senior Commission meeting.

Approved-MS (Comelo, Lopez Nacario) (8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions)

7.C. League of Women Voters Forum Discussion

Commissioner Gopalkrishnan shared that she is on the board of the League of Women Voters and expressed interest in providing information at the Senior Community Center. Ideas were shared to ensure older people are informed. The group discussed exploring opportunities to have materials onsite, presentations, and tabling at events like the Annual Senior Resource Fair.

8. COMMISSION REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner McHenry shared that this was her last meeting. Commissioners shared appreciation for Commissioner McHenry's service. All commissioners shared topics of interest.

9. ADJOURN

Approved-MS (McHenry, Lopez Nacario) (8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions)
Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

First Last, Secretary

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