



**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

1. ROLL CALL

2. NEW BUSINESS

Letter from Committee Chairman Kevin Gomez

Middletown Time Capsule

Life Saver Community

Community Welcome Packet

Clergy City Hall Breakfast

Holocaust Survivors Recognition

3. ADJOURNMENT

J. Miguel Rodrigues
Alderman-at-Large

Kevin Gomez
Andrew Green
Aldermen Ward2



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January 30, 2026

Hon. Miguel Rodrigues
Alderman at Large

Committee Members/Hon. Aldermen:
Andrew Green
Jude Jean Francois
Alex Rodríguez
Kevin Witt

Re: Community Communication & Historical Society Committee

Esteemed Colleagues:

I want to take this opportunity to formally express my appreciation to Alderman at Large Rodrigues for selecting me to preside over the Community Communication Historical Society Committee. At the same time, I want to welcome each one of you as members of our committee, with my sincere appreciation for your experience, expertise, dedication to our City, above all your friendship and the opportunity for me to work with you for the good of our City.

I see our Committee as one that will 1) serve as a channel of communication & resources from City Hall & Common Council to the Community at large on 2) matters of public importance concerning the welfare and quality of life of all our residents, and 3) advancing an understanding and 4) appreciation of the historical and pivotal role Middletown can serve as a roadmap for the future.

We shall be holding our first committee meeting in the month of February. Among the topics in the agenda, is a Middletown Time Capsule, which President Rodrigues has put forward before our Committee:

- 1) **Middletown Time Capsule-** In anticipation of our Country's 250th birthdate, put together with community input a time capsule providing a living glimpse into the culture, development and day-to-day life in the Middletown of today.

In the coming weeks and months ahead, I will be reaching out to you to hear of your ideas for initiatives and projects for us to consider. Some of the ideas I would like to put forward in the future are as follows:

- A) **Life Saver Community:** As a community we care for the life and well-being of our residents. For we are a Life Saver Community. Would like to bring to community events such as the Farmer's Market, Night out Against Crime, Race for Downtown, Mobile Units that offer free testing for Breast Cancer for Ladies and Prostrate Cancer for Men. These are the 2 leading cancers that cause death for men and women and particularly high among the population like our city's demographics. Advance testing for these 2 diseases could save people's
- B) **Community Welcome Packet:** Have a welcome packet put together providing information on Middletown community resources and important contact for essential gov services. The City previously issued one several years back. I envision aldermen personally delivering the community packet to new residents and giving them a warm welcome to our Middletown Family.
- C) **Clergy City Hall Breakfast:** Over the years our faith-based community have proven to be indispensable partners to growth and development of our City as a welcoming and caring community. Hosting a gathering of all our clergy at City Hall will allow them as community leaders interact and share with our City Administration and legislative officials about their concerns and that of their congregants for our community and help forge an ever-stronger working relation for the good of the City.
- D) **Holocaust Survivors Recognition:** On January 27th we celebrated international Holocaust Remembrance Day followed by Holocaust Remembrance Day, known as Yom HaShoah in the early spring which commemorate the over 6 million lives that perished in the Holocaust. What I'm proposing is a recognition of Holocaust Survivors, that generation of men, women and children, who lived to see the light of dawn, survive and escape the evil of the holocaust. Many came to Middletown and

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Orange County, worked in the beginning like the immigrants of today in the dirt farm region while building our local community and institutions we are familiar today. They were the generations that carried the burning fire of that immortal message, "Never Again." With many of that generation now passing it would be fitting a recognition honoring them and their great legacy of consciousness.

These are some thoughts or ideas we could work on through our committee for the community in addition to others focusing on Homeowners services and Needs, Domestic Violence Awareness, Hispanic Heritage Month and areas of course the Mayor and the City Administration wishes us to highlight and prioritize. But I want to hear yours, so that working together we could make a difference for our City as a model legislative body "of the people by the people and for the people."

Again, I look forward to working with you in the endeavors that lay ahead for the good of our City.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Gomez", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kevin Gomez

Alderman Ward 2

Committee Chair