



SPECIAL SOUTH GATE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SOUTH GATE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

**SOUTH GATE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
8650 CALIFORNIA AVE
SOUTH GATE, CA 90280**

**VIEW MEETING LIVE ONLINE AT:
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City Officials

MAYOR , Joshua Barron	CITY CLERK , Yodit Glaze
VICE MAYOR , Al Rios	CITY TREASURER , Jose De La Paz
COUNCIL MEMBER , Maria del Pilar Avalos	CITY MANAGER , Rob Houston
COUNCIL MEMBER , Maria Davila	CITY ATTORNEY , Raúl F. Salinas
COUNCIL MEMBER , Gil Hurtado	

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1. VIEW THE MEETING LIVE ONLINE AT: [South Gate, CA - YouTube](#)

Please allow up to 24 hours after the meeting for the archive to be available.

2. PARTICIPATE BEFORE THE MEETING by emailing the City Clerk at: yglaze@sogate.org no later than 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please write "Public Comment" in the subject line.

3. ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON

*The disruption in service of any alternative method does not prelude the City Council or other legislative body from taking further action and moving forward on the agenda.

Meeting Schedule

The regular meetings of the City Council are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, closed session business will usually commence at 5:30 p.m., when scheduled, and general business session will commence at 6:30 p.m.

Brown Act

Agendas are drafted to accurately state what the legislative body is being asked to consider. The legislative body can take action on "all items" listed on the agenda and be in compliance with the open meeting laws. Under the Brown Act, no action may be taken on a matter unless it is listed on the agenda, or unless certain emergency or special circumstances exist. The governing body may direct staff to investigate and/or schedule certain matters for consideration at a future meeting.

City's Vision Statement

We envision a thriving, safe and inclusive community where everyone has the opportunity to access exceptional services, education and support to be resilient and live full, vibrant lives.

Public Communications

Public Comments on agenda items are limited to three (3) minutes. All comments are to be addressed directly to the Agency Members not to the members of the public.

Emails for public comment received prior to 4:00 pm on the day of the Council Meeting will be summarized by the City Clerk, not read in its entirety. A copy of the email will be provided to the City Council and will also be available at the City Clerk's Office for public review. A copy of each email will be recorded for public record and noted on the official minutes of tonight's meeting.

Call to Order/Roll Call

CALL TO ORDER:	Joshua Barron, Mayor
ROLL CALL:	Yodit Glaze, City Clerk

Open Session

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1. Certificate of Appreciation Baker to Vegas (Event: 3/28/26-3/29/26)

The City Council will issue Certificates of Appreciation to the Baker to Vegas event participants. (PD)

Documents:

[Item 1 Report 04282026 - Special.pdf](#)

2. South East HS Recognized as California Distinguished School

The City Council will recognize South East High School as a California Distinguished School. (CLERK)

Documents:

[Item 2 Report 04282026 - Special.pdf](#)

3. Introduction of New and Promoted Employees in the Month of March 2026

The City Council will consider receiving and filing the list of new and promoted full-time employees hired or promoted during March 2026. (HR)

Documents:

[Item 3 Report 04282026 - Special.pdf](#)

4. Social Model Recovery Systems on Community Factors and Best Practices in Retail Tobacco Control

The City Council will consider receiving and filing a presentation on the Social Model Recovery Systems on Community Factors and Best Practices in Retail Tobacco Control. (CM)

Documents:

[Item 4 Presentation 04282026 - Special.pdf](#)

Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), 54954.9(b)(3)(C), 54956.9(d)(1)(4)

a. Abrianna Lisette Bracamontes v. City of South Gate, et al.

b. Savannah Nolasco GAL Tania Nolasco v. LAUSD, City of South Gate, et al.

Documents:

[Item 1 Report 04282026 - Closed.pdf](#)

Adjournment

I, Yodit Glaze, City Clerk, certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Meeting Agenda was posted on April 23, 2026, at 4:45 p.m., as required by law.

Yodit Glaze

GENERAL NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City Council adopted new rules relating to the conduct of the public meetings, proceedings, and business in the City of South Gate on July 12, 2022, (Resolution 2022-38-CC) and go into effect on August 1, 2022. Resolution #2022-38-CC is available at the City Clerk's Office.

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The Public can sign up to receive automatic notices of postings of agendas for the City Council or any other Commission or Board of the City of South Gate. Visit the City webpage and click on the Agenda & Minutes icon. That will take you the page where an individual can enter their email in the "Email Updates" box to register.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PARTICIPATION

Any person may request to address a legislative body during a public meeting. The Presiding Officer will call upon those present in the Council Chambers first. After all speakers in the Chambers have spoken, the Presiding Officer will call upon those participating via zoom or teleconference.

Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes on any item listed on the agenda, including public hearings. Under Comments from the Audience portion, speakers are also limited to a single three (3) minutes time limit. Comments from the Audience is initially limited to 45 minutes at each meeting. Any speaker still wishing to speak, that did not speak, will have an addition Comments from the Audience opportunity after the last business item is finished. The Presiding Officer may extend the time limit as long as there is no objection from the City Council as a body.

To ensure that the public is able to participate, the City provides the opportunity to submit their comments in person, virtually, email, phone call, mail and any other method which may become available. Methods of participation may be subject to change during other such times when a State of Emergency, Health Order or State Executive Order limits in-person participation.

CURFEW

In absence of a motion duly adopted by majority vote of the City Council, the Presiding Officer may adjourn the City Council meetings at 10:30 p.m. The Presiding Officer may ask the City Council if any agenda items listed should be continued or dealt with during the meeting. For those items to be continued, the City Council can direct the item be placed on the next City Council agenda or the current meeting may be adjourned to a time certain at which time the meeting shall be reconvened as an Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council and action upon the published agenda continued.

STAFF REPORTS

As a general rule, staff reports. or other written documentation are prepared/organized with respect to each item of business listed on the agenda. Meeting agendas and staff reports are available at least 72-hours prior to the scheduled regular City Council meeting and a minimum of 24-hours prior to a Special City Council meeting. There are times when the City Council receives written material. revised material

after the posting of agendas, these materials are become a public record and will be available for public view within 72-hours after the meeting in which they were received. Those materials and any other public document can be inspected in the City Clerk's Office located at 8650 California Avenue, South Gate.

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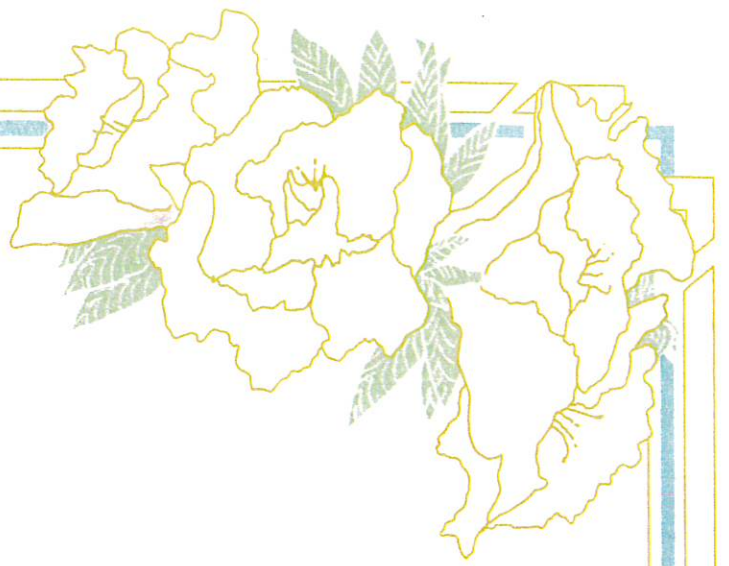
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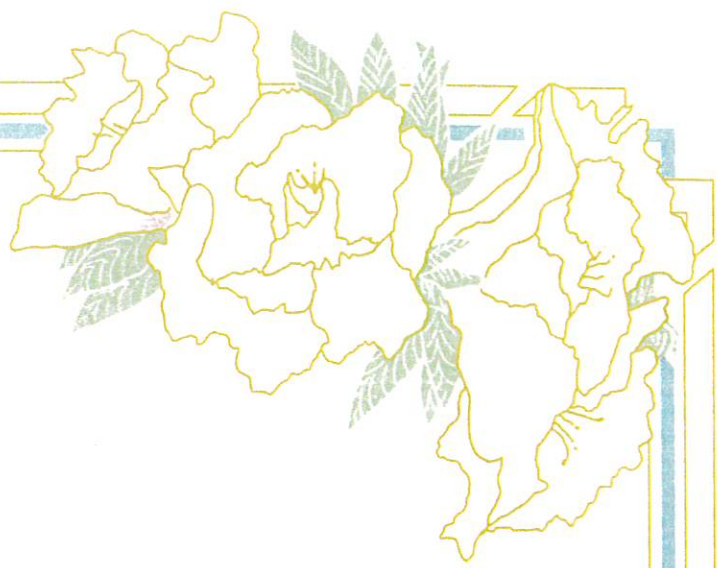
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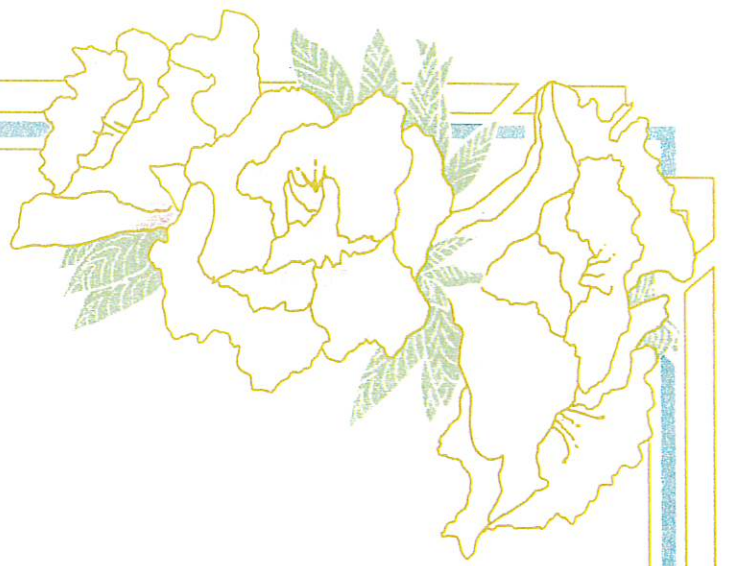
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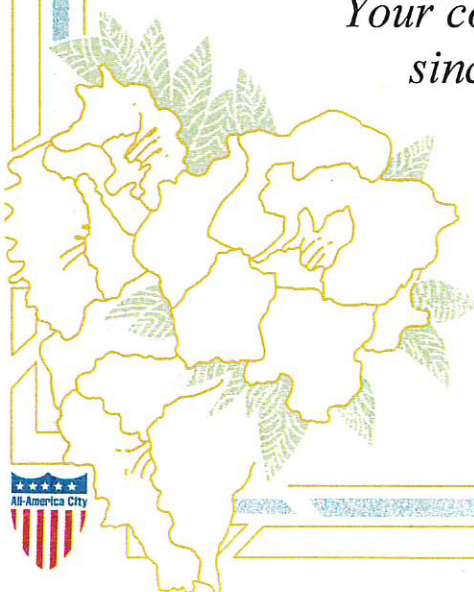
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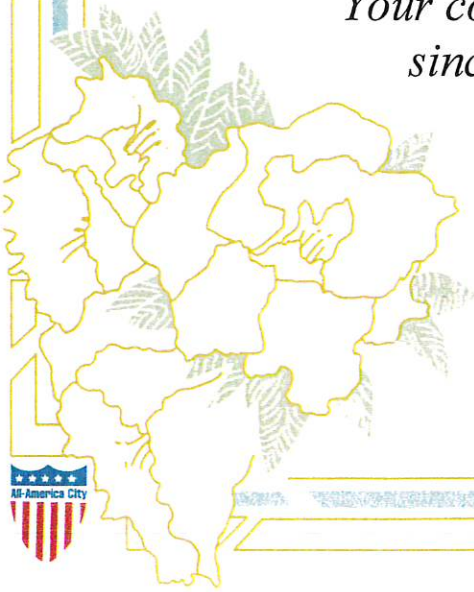
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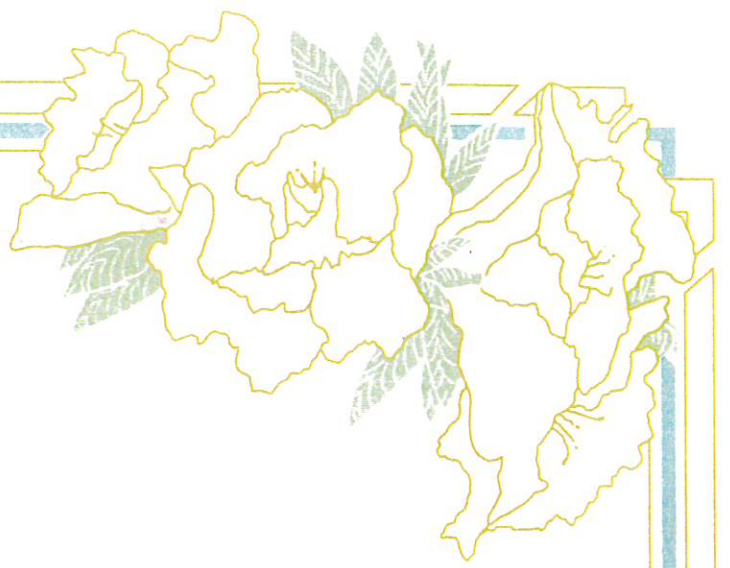
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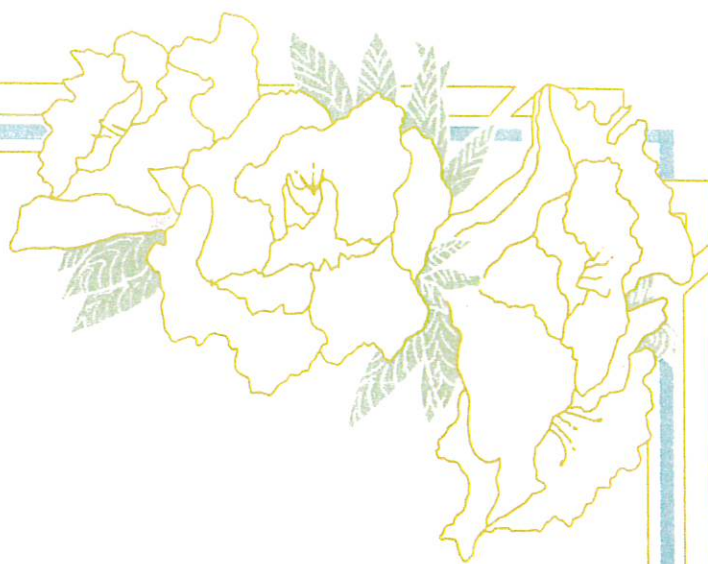
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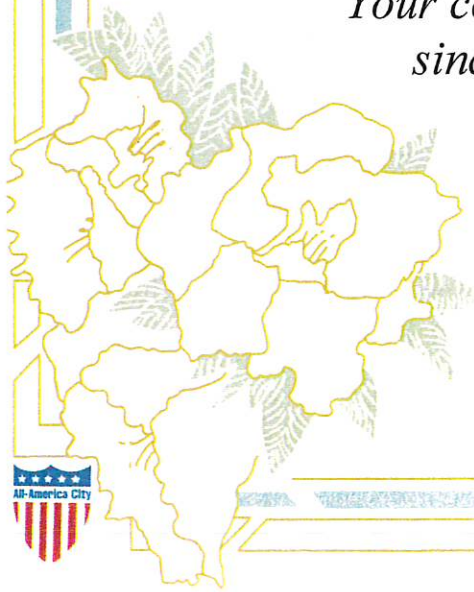
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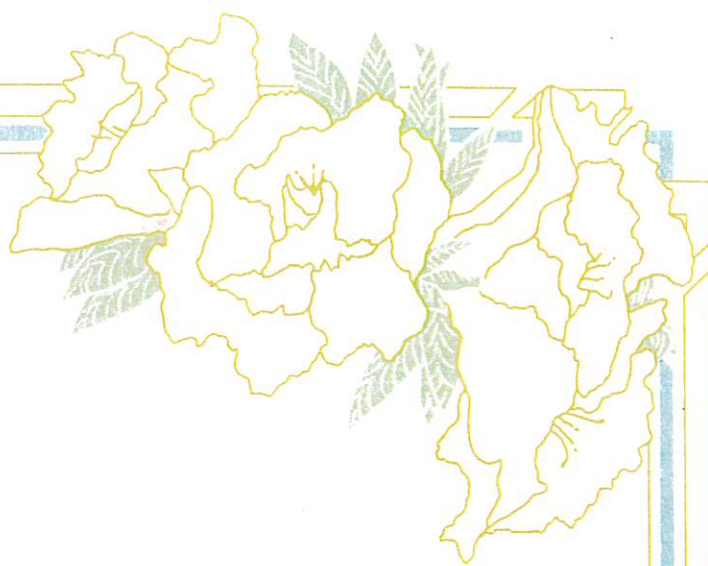
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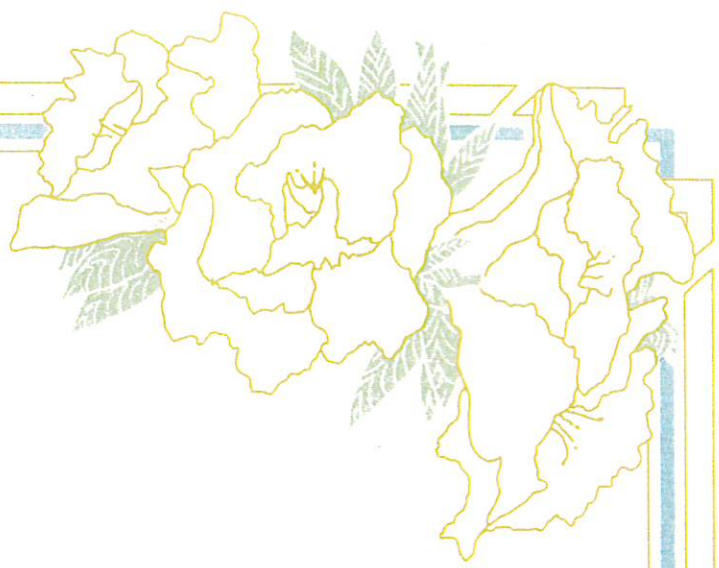
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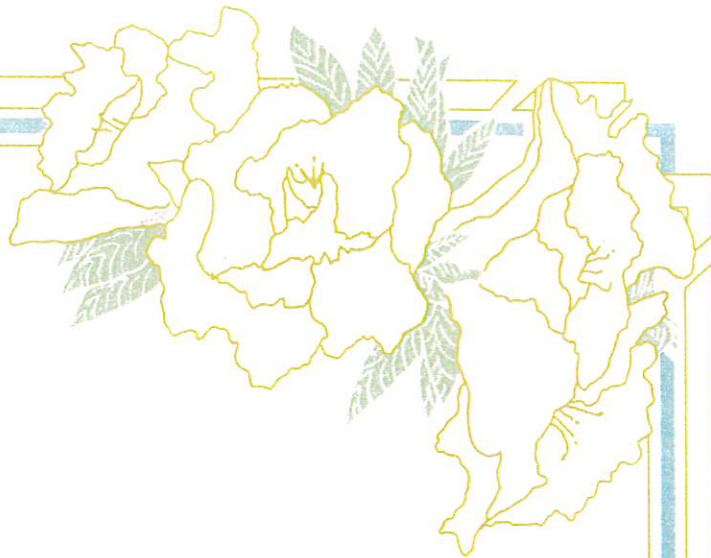
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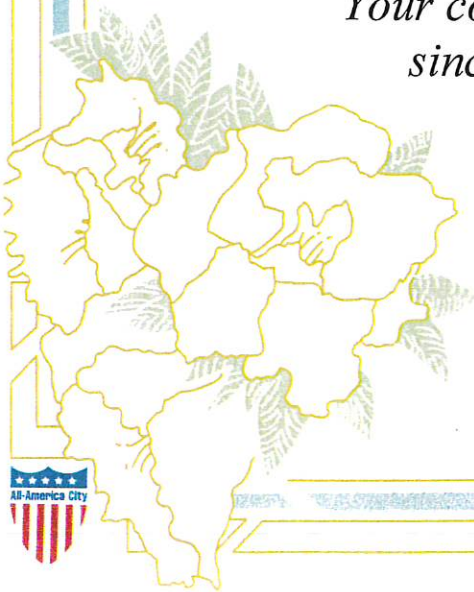
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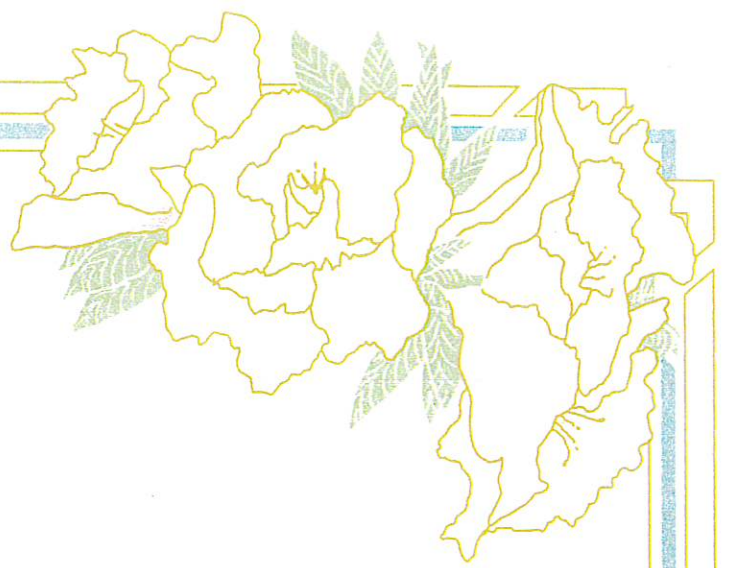
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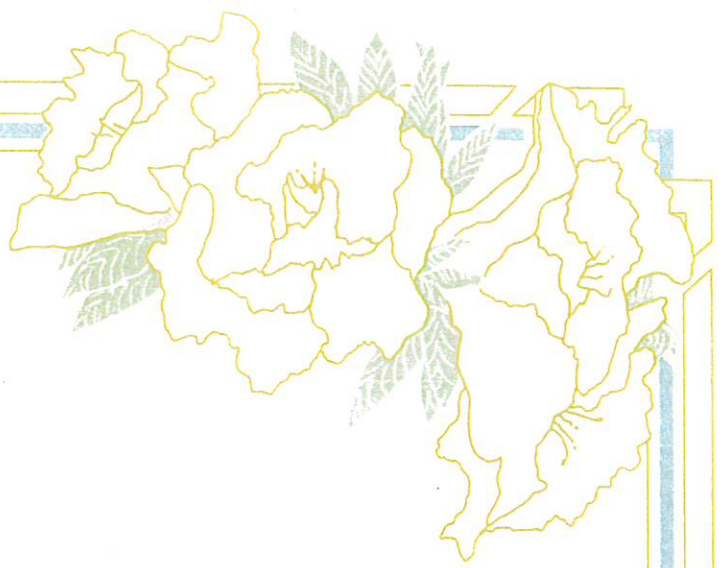
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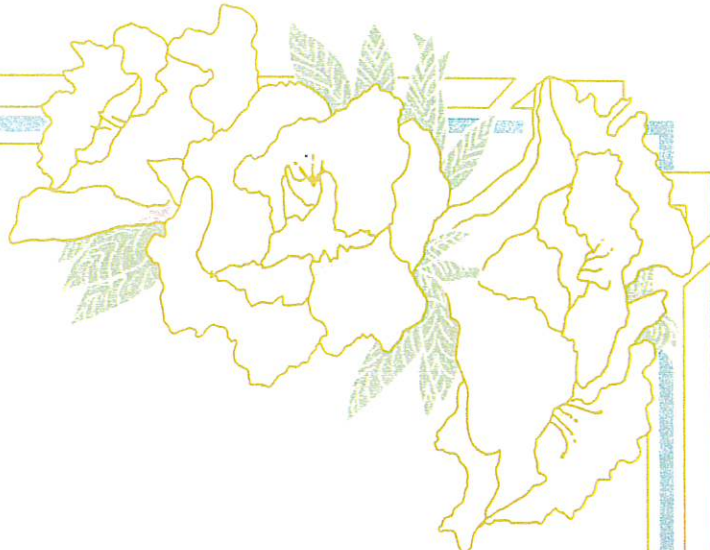
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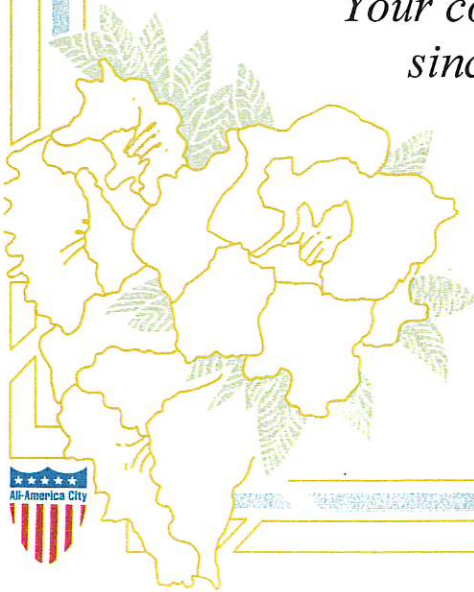
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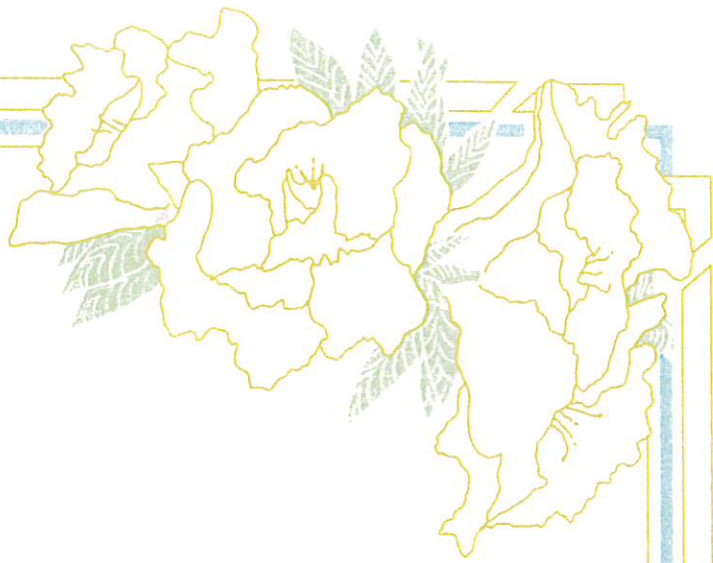
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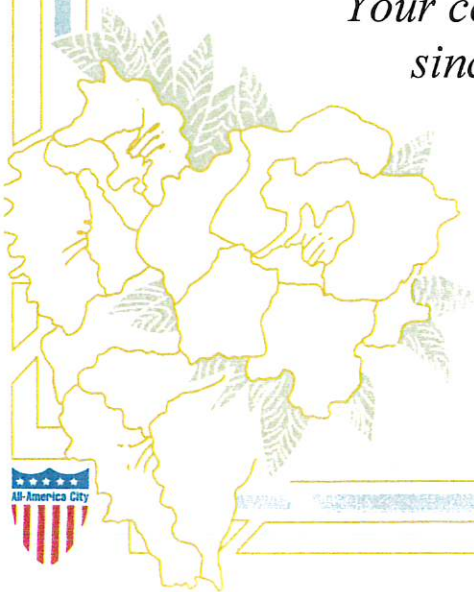
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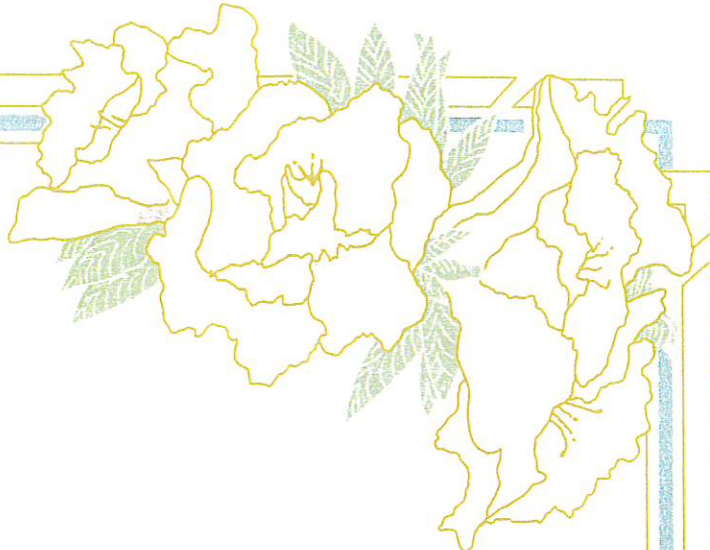
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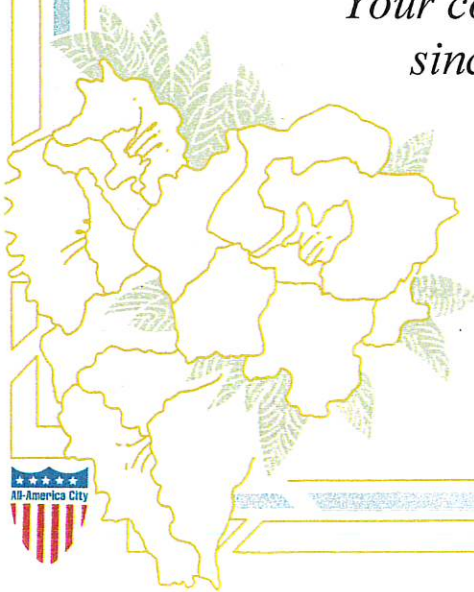
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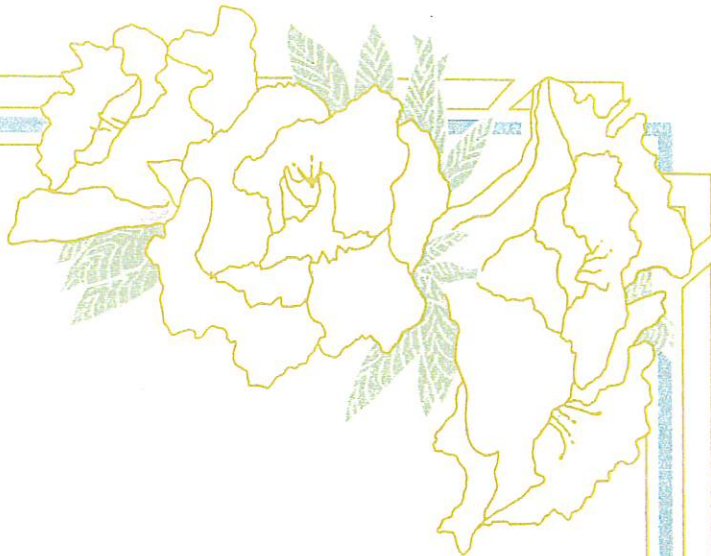
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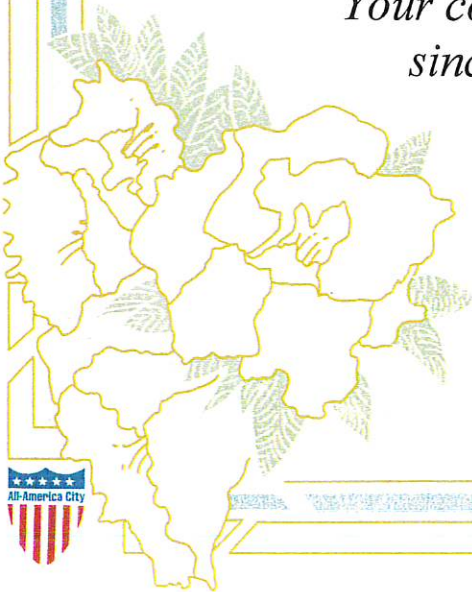
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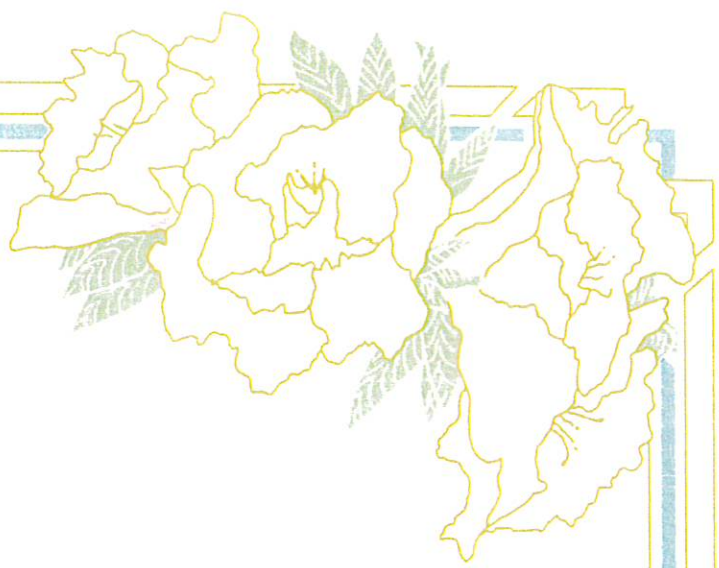
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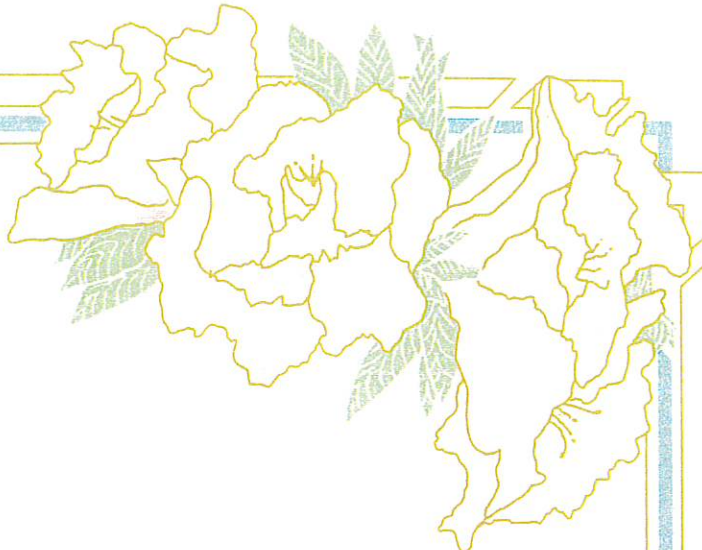
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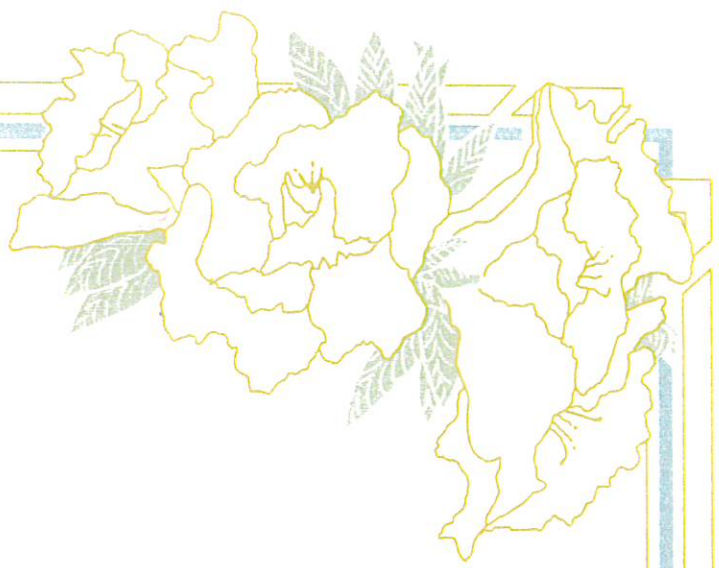
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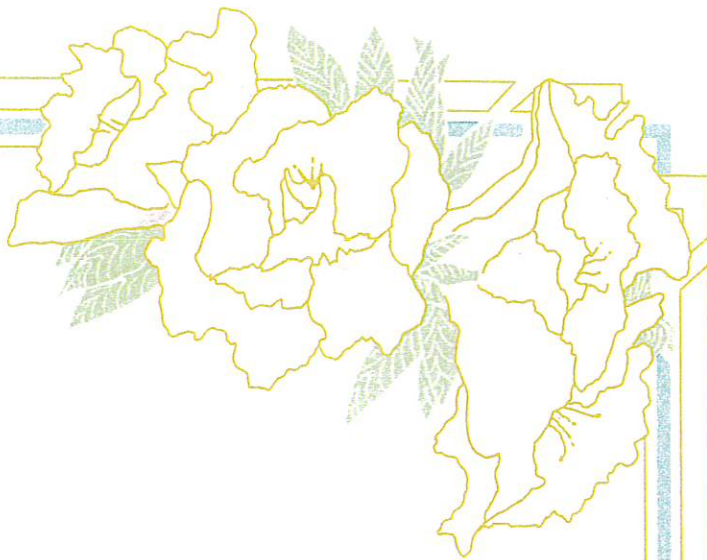
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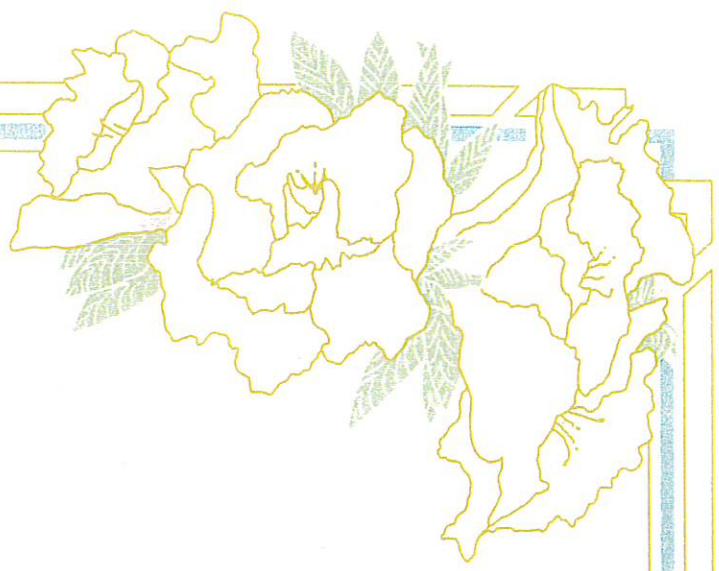
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April 28, 2026

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

*Presented by the
South Gate City Council
on behalf of the citizens of South Gate to:*

Michael Meza

*In recognition of your outstanding dedication and support to the
Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay*

*Your commitment, teamwork, and perseverance have played a
vital role in the success of this demanding law enforcement relay
event. Your efforts embody the spirit of camaraderie, endurance,
and excellence that define this race.*

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*Presented by the South Gate City Council
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South East High School

*In recognition of your outstanding achievement in being selected as a
2026 California Distinguished School
by the California Department of Education.*

*This prestigious designation reflects your commitment to academic
excellence, student success, and the dedication of your educators, staff,
and school community in providing exceptional educational
opportunities for all students.*

*The City of South Gate proudly commends South East High School for
its continued efforts in fostering student achievement and
preparing future generations for success.*

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City of South Gate
CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA BILL

For the Special Meeting of: **April 28, 2026**

Originating Department: **Human Resources**

Human Resources Director:

Jon Hamilton

City Manager:

Rob Houston

for
Rob Houston

SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES HIRED IN THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026

PURPOSE: To introduce to the City Council the newly hired full-time employees in the month of March 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The City Council will consider receiving and filing the list of new full-time employees hired during March 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ANALYSIS: None

BACKGROUND: The following is a list of new full-time City employees who were hired in the month of March 2026.

Name	Title	Department	Division	Original Hire Date
Guadalupe Sotomayor-Mercado	Principal Accountant	Administrative Services	Finance	03/23/26
Roberto Bernal Anselmo	Water Distribution Operator III	Public Works	Water	03/09/26

ATTACHMENT: PowerPoint Presentation

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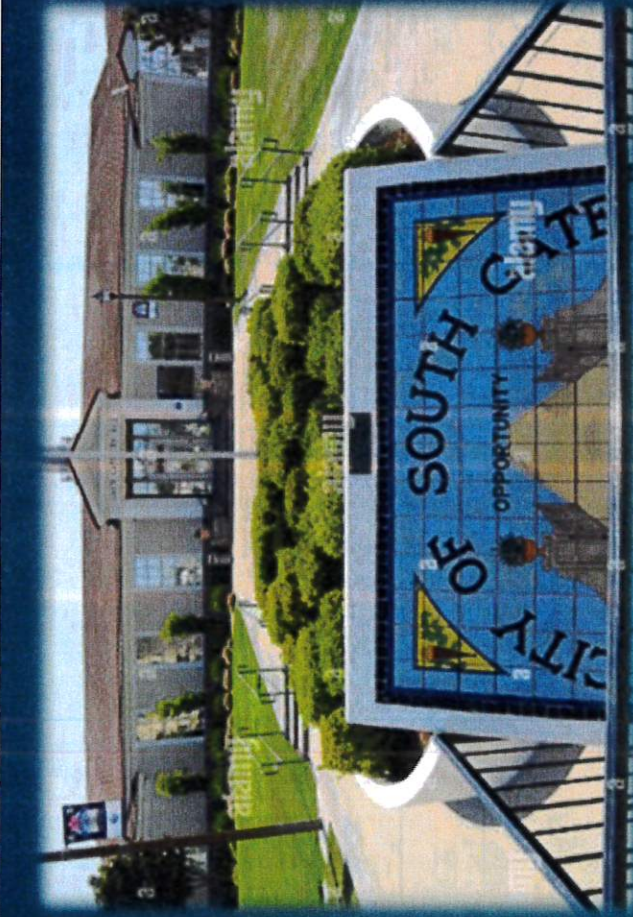


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INTRODUCTION OF THE CITY'S NEW FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES





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Date of Hire: 03/23/2026

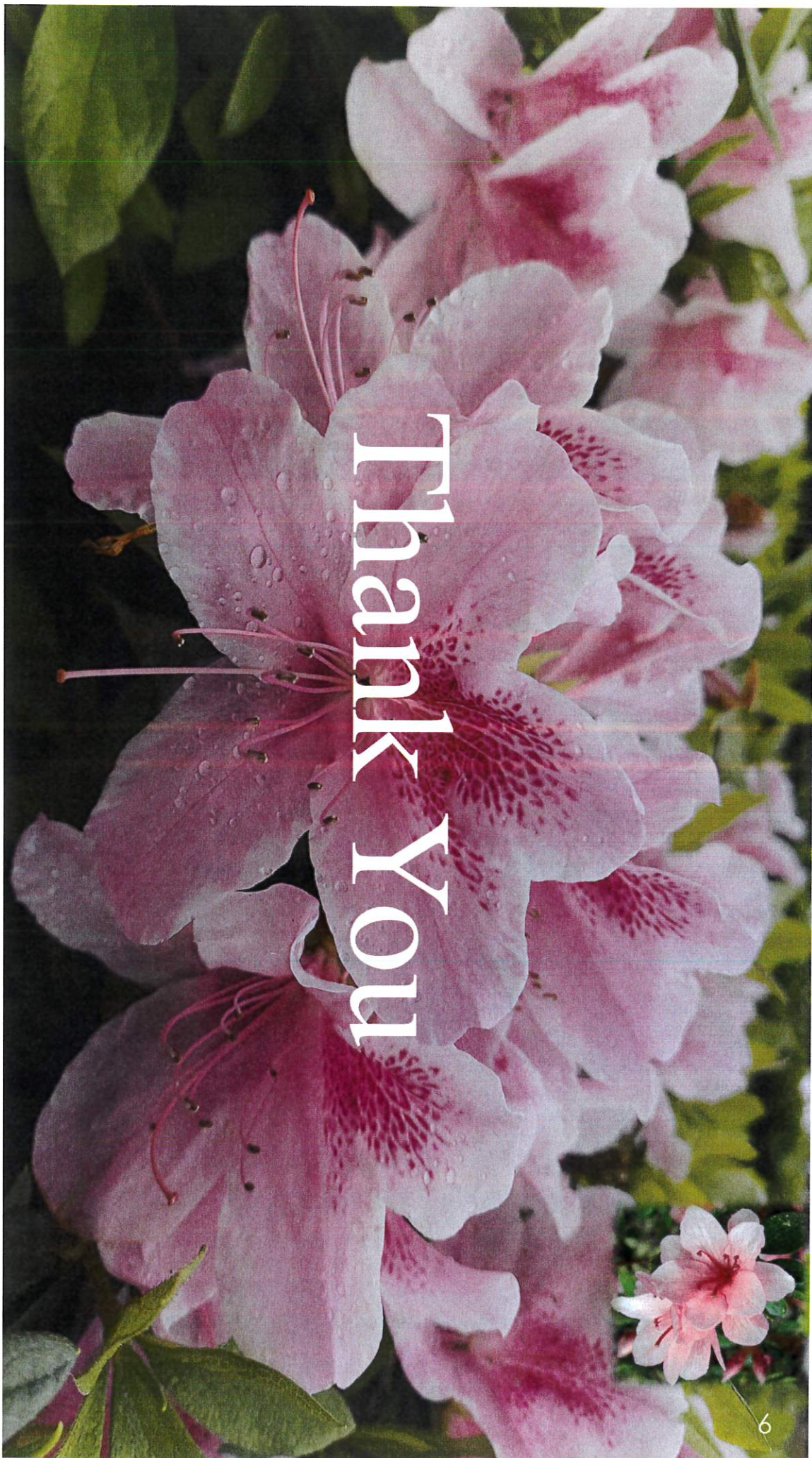


Public Works



Roberto
Bernal Anselmo
Water Distribution
Operator III
Public Works
Date of Hire: 03/09/2026







Reducing Youth Access to Tobacco Products

South Gate City Council

April 28, 2026

The Cost of Smoking in California

40,000 DEATHS.

\$18B ANNUALLY.

PREVENTION PAYS.

Health and Financial Impact (CA):

- Smoking - 40k deaths each year
- Smoking cost - \$18 Billion each year

Health Disparities:

- Latino adults use menthol flavor more and experience higher exposure to secondhand smoke
- Adults with lower income
 - 50% higher cigarette use
 - 100% higher use of little cigars and cigarillos

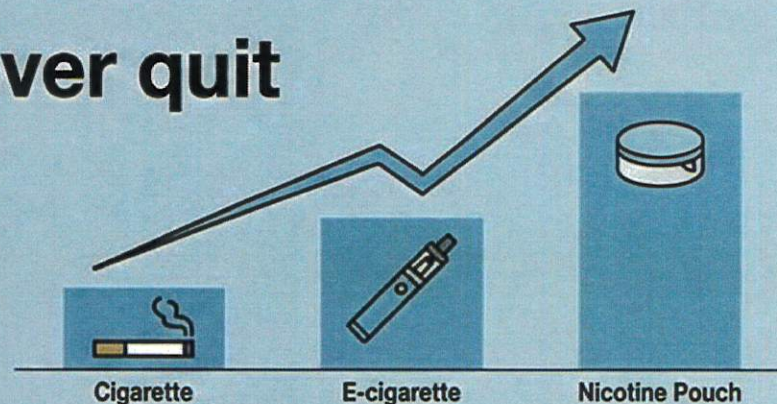


The tobacco industry will never quit



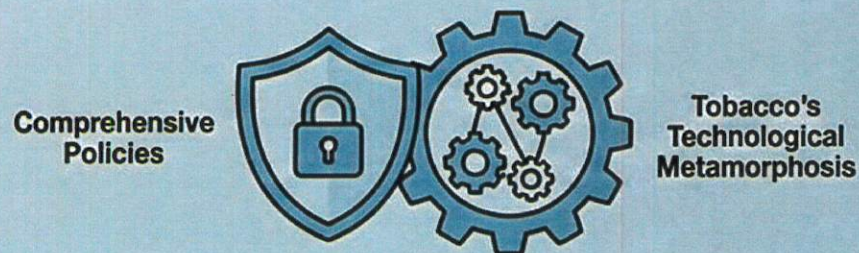
Product Evolution

As soon as cigarettes started to decline, the tobacco industry invented e-cigarettes, now they have moved on to nicotine pouches.



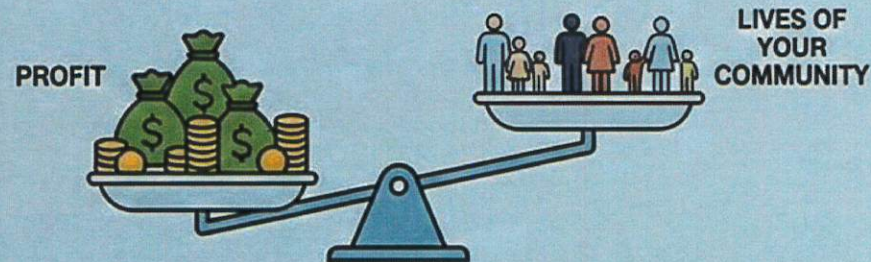
Increasing Nicotine Potency

Each generation of tobacco products contains more and more nicotine. E-cigarettes can contain the equivalent of 200 cigarettes and a single pouch can have at least twice the nicotine.



Policy vs. Technology

Comprehensive tobacco policies are the best way to keep up with tobacco's technological metamorphosis.



Profit Over People

Tobacco companies have proven time and again that they put profit over the lives of the people in your community.

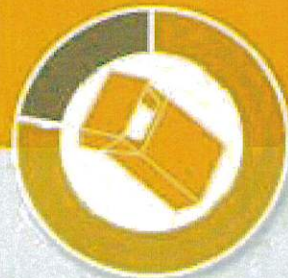
SOUTH GATE

ATTITUDES TOWARDS TOBACCO IN THE COMMUNITY

According to South Gate residents...

78%

believe it's easy
for anyone
under 21 to get
cigarettes in
South Gate.



78%

agree that their
community has
been **negatively**
impacted by
smoking or
tobacco use.



89%

support a local
law that **limits the**
number of
tobacco retailers
in the city.



67%

agree that the sale
of commercial
tobacco products
be **phased out**
completely over
the next five years.



Public Opinion Surveys

There is strong public support among South Gate residents who want to...

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89%



Prohibit the sale of tobacco products in pharmacies.

Prohibit the use of tobacco discounts or coupons.



83%

96%



Prohibit the sale of tobacco within two blocks from youth sensitive areas (e.g., schools, parks, etc.).

Revoke the license of retailers who repeatedly violate existing tobacco laws.



94%

86%



Require a store that sells tobacco to pay a license fee to cover enforcement.

Set a minimum price for certain products, such as little cigars and cigarillos.



85%

Source: 2023-24 Tobacco Retail Licensing Resident Public Opinion Survey, Tobacco Control and Prevention Program, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

Interview

The Retail Licensing Resident Public Opinion Survey followed a comprehensive methodology developed by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Tobacco Control Program. This survey report is based on surveys collected in California by trained staff from Social Model Recovery Systems. The survey assessed knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs regarding the impact of tobacco in the community.

The survey was conducted at public places that are not limited to: community centers, grocery stores, pharmacies, and other public locations.

Data were collected from 405 adult South Gate residents, representing persons of various ages, racial/ethnic groups, and status between December 27, 2023, and January 20, 2024. The survey is based on a sample of South Gate residents and reflects the views of all residents.

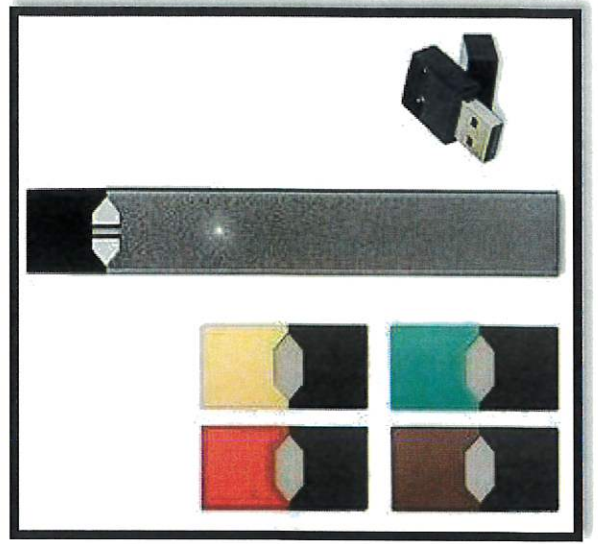
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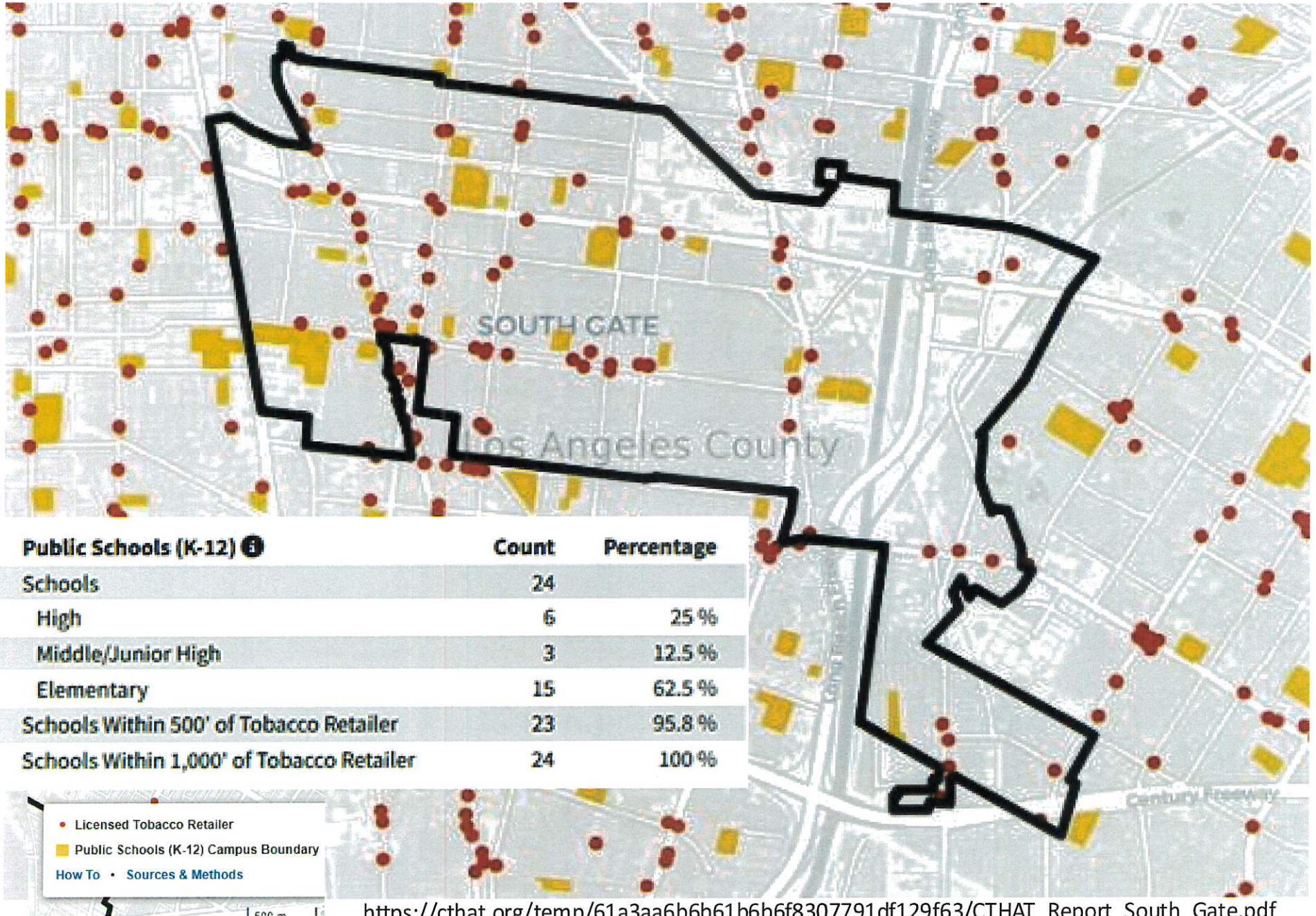


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South Gate Retail Environment Scan



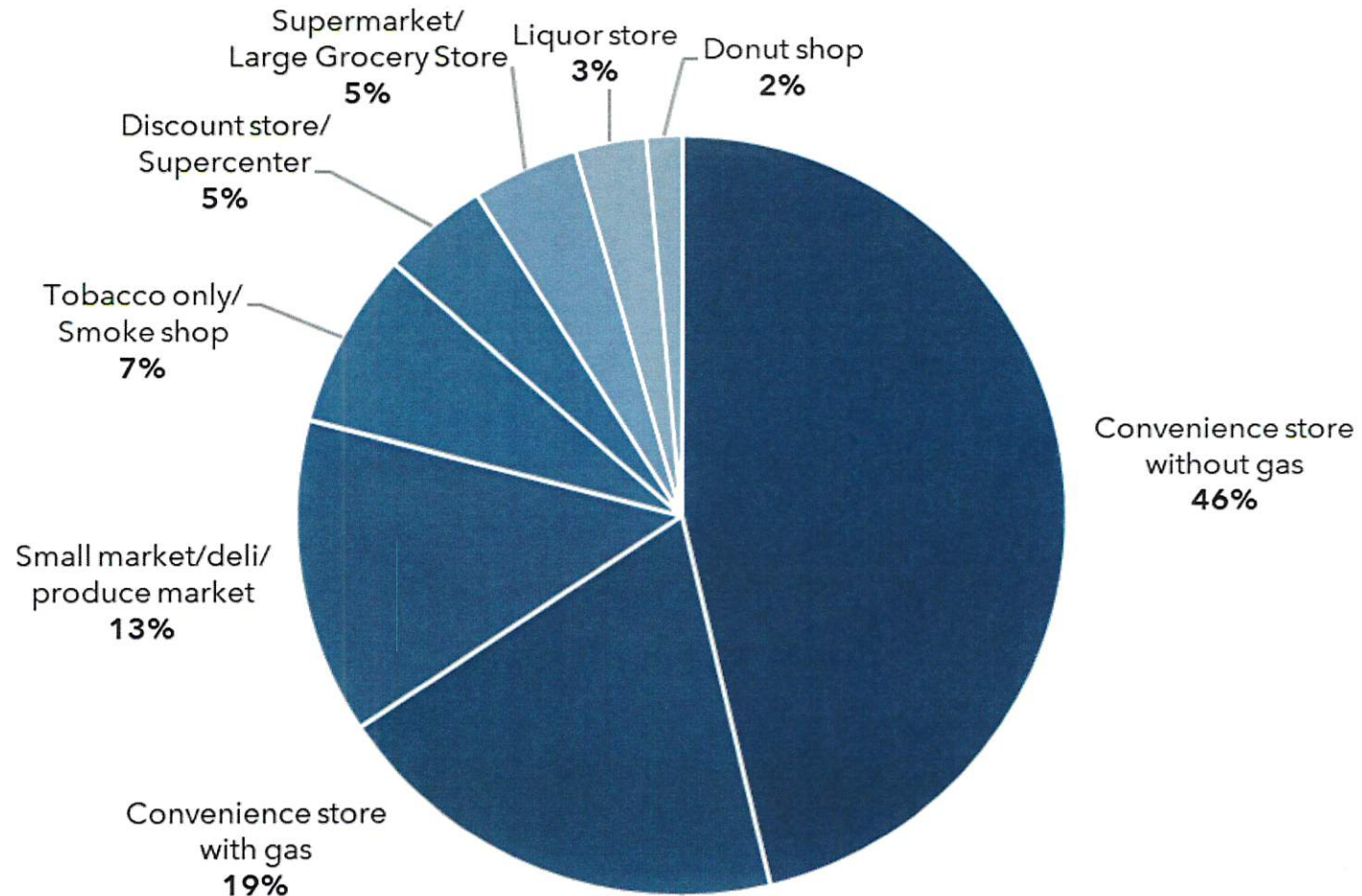
Schools in Proximity to Tobacco Retailers



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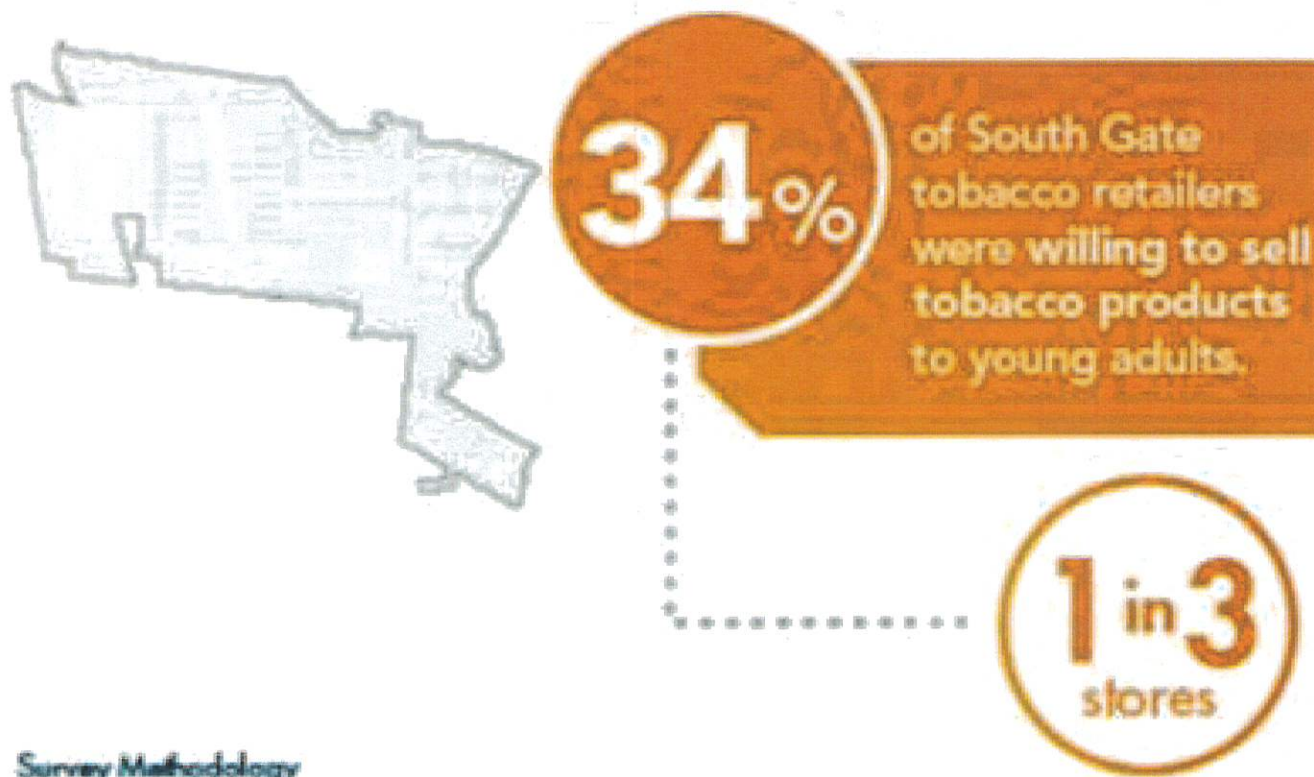
Types of Tobacco Retailers in South Gate

South Gate Tobacco Retailers surveyed = 67



46% of South Gate retailers were identified to have at least one flavored tobacco product on display that may be prohibited under California's restriction on the sale of flavored tobacco products.

UNDERAGE TOBACCO SALES IN SOUTH GATE



Young Adult Purchase Surveys

Survey Methodology

This report represents the results of the attempted purchases conducted in South Gate, CA by Social Model Recovery Systems that assessed tobacco retailers' willingness to sell tobacco products to young adults. The survey data was collected among a sample of 59 tobacco retailers in June 2024. Retailers surveyed included, but were not limited to, convenience stores and liquor stores.

For more information, please contact:

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Community Partnerships in Action

Supporting Youth and Families in South Gate



Local tobacco control measures lower rates of cigarette and e-cigarette use among youth.⁶



Adopting a Tobacco Retail Licensing Policy

Require all businesses who sell tobacco products to obtain a local tobacco retail license.



Closing tobacco product exemptions created in California's Flavored Tobacco Ban

Prohibit the sales of all flavored tobacco products including hookah tobacco, shisha, pipe tobacco, and premium cigars.



Establishing minimum prices, and prohibiting coupons and discounts

Set minimum prices for tobacco products, and prohibit the redemption of tobacco discounts or coupons.



Establishing minimum pack size for little cigars and cigarillos

Require little cigars and cigarillos be sold in packages of at least 20 units.



Restricting sales in youth sensitive areas

Require that no tobacco license be issued to businesses that are within a specific distance of a youth sensitive area (e.g., parks, schools, libraries, etc.).



Restricting sales in pharmacies

Businesses that co-locate with a pharmacy such as a grocery store, and stand-alone pharmacies, will not be issued a tobacco license.

	South Gate	Maywood	Cudahy	South El Monte	City of Los Angeles	Unincorporated Los Angeles County
Population Size	92,000	25,000	22,000	19,000	3,900,000	1,024,000
Number of Tobacco Retailers	72	30	16	26	3,469	650
Requires all Tobacco Retailers to Obtain a TRL		X	X	X	X	X
Requires an Annual Licensing Fee to Cover Program Administration and Enforcement		X	X	X	X	X
Clearly States Penalties Including Suspension and Revocation of the License		X	X	X	X	X
Prohibits the Sale of Flavored Tobacco Products		X	X	X	X	X

Los Angeles County Tobacco Retail Licensing Policies

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Requires Little Cigars & Cigarillos are Sold in a Minimum Pack Size			X	X		X
Prohibits the Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies						X
Prohibits the Redemption of Tobacco Discounts or Coupons				X		
Prohibits the Sale of Tobacco Products Near Youth Sensitive Areas (e.g., parks, schools, libraries)				X		

Los Angeles County Tobacco Retail Licensing Policies

Tobacco-Free Ambassadors of South Gate



Youth Coalition Member:
Giselle Bonilla

We are highly concerned about how easy it is for youth to access tobacco products in our community.

-Tobacco-Free Ambassadors of South Gate

Thank You



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MEMORANDUM

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

APR 23 2026

TO: Rob Houston, City Manager

FROM: Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney *RS*

DATE: April 23, 2026

SUBJECT: **CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2026**

The following item should be listed on the Closed Session Agenda for the Special City Council Meeting of the City of South Gate on April 28, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), 54954.9(b)(3)(C), 54956.9(d)(1)(4)
 - a. Abrianna Lisette Bracamontes v. City of South Gate, et al.
 - b. Savannah Nolasco GAL Tania Nolasco v. LAUSD, City of South Gate, et al.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the City Attorney's Office immediately.