



## **SOUTH GATE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.

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

**DIAL-IN-NUMBER: 1 (669) 900-6833  
MEETING ID: 863 5358 9475  
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### **Call to Order/Roll Call**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor  
**ROLL CALL:** Yodit Glaze, City Clerk

### **City Officials**

**MAYOR**  
Maria del Pilar Avalos

**CITY CLERK**  
Yodit Glaze

**VICE MAYOR**  
Gil Hurtado

**CITY TREASURER**  
Jose De La Paz

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
Joshua Barron  
Maria Davila  
Al Rios

**CITY MANAGER**  
Chris Jeffers

**CITY ATTORNEY**  
Raul F. Salinas

## **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.

## **Meeting Compensation Disclosure**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54952.3: Disclosure of compensation for meeting attendance by City Council Members is \$790 monthly regardless of the amount of meetings.

## **Closed Session: (ATTY)**

### **1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PENDING LITIGATION**

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

- a. Dylan Lee Siordia v. City of South Gate
- b. Stephanie Elledge v. Bobo's Burgers; Firestone Plaza; City of South Gate; County of Los Angeles; et al

Documents:

[Closed Session Memorandum 10102023.pdf](#)

### **2. CONSIDER THE EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

- a. City Manager

## **Open Session Agenda**

1. Proclamation declaring October 23 - 31, 2023 as National Red Ribbon Week

The City Council will issue a Proclamation declaring October 23 through 31, 2023, as National Red Ribbon Week in the City of South Gate. (CM)

Documents:

[Item 1 Report 10102023.pdf](#)

## **2. Certificates and awards to the winners of the Home Recognition Program**

The City Council will consider: (CD)

a. Presenting Certificates of Appreciation, lawn signs, and azalea plants to 10 awardees selected by the Planning Commission to be recognized for their efforts in maintaining and beautifying their homes.

Documents:

[Item 2 Report 10102023.pdf](#)

## **Special Meeting Adjournment**

I, Yodit Glaze, City Clerk, certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Meeting Agenda was posted on October 4, 2023, at 10:35 a.m., as required by law.

Yodit Glaze  
City Clerk

## **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.

## **SERVICES TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the City Council Meetings, please contact the Office of the City Clerk. Notification 48 hours prior to the City Council Meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility. For further information, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at (323) 563-9510 or via email at [yglaze@sogate.org](mailto:yglaze@sogate.org).




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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Chris Jeffers, City Manager

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

**DATE:** October 4, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2023**

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The following items should be listed on the Closed Session Agenda for the Special City Council Meeting of the City of South Gate on October 10, 2023, at 5:15 p.m.:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), 54954.9(b)(3)(C)
  - a. Dylan Lee Siordia v. City of South Gate
  - b. Stephanie Elledge v. Bobo's Burgers; Firestone Plaza; City of South Gate; County of Los Angeles; et al.
  
2. **CONSIDER THE EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)
  - a. City Manager

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office immediately.

# City of South Gate



From the Honorable  
**Mayor**

## PROCLAMATION

Declaring October 23 – 31, 2023 as  
**National Red Ribbon Week**

*Whereas* Red Ribbon Week is celebrated annually on October 23-31 to highlight the importance of living a drug-free life and presents an opportunity for parents, educators, and communities to reinforce the drug-free messages they share with their children throughout the year; and

*Whereas* Red Ribbon Week started to commemorate and honor Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who in 1985 was brutally murdered by drug traffickers he was investigating in Mexico; and

*Whereas* angered parents across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the killing and destruction caused by drugs in America; and

*Whereas* it is imperative that visible, unified efforts by community members be launched to prevent drug abuse; and

*Whereas* businesses, government, law enforcement, media, health care providers, religious institutions, schools, and other community-based organizations will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, drug-free lifestyles by wearing red ribbons and participating in drug prevention activities; and

*Whereas* the City of South Gate commits its support to ensuring the success of the Red Ribbon Campaign and promoting the 2023 National Red Ribbon theme of "Be kind to your mind. Live drug free."

**Now, Therefore,** be it proclaimed on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023, that **I, Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor of the City of South Gate,** on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim October 23-31, 2023 as Red Ribbon Week in the City of South Gate, and encourage everyone to participate in drug prevention education activities, not only during Red Ribbon Week, but throughout the year, making a visible statement that we are all strongly committed to a drug-free lifestyle.

Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor



CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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9:00 AM

## City of South Gate CITY COUNCIL

# AGENDA BILL

For the Regular Meeting of: October 10, 2023  
Originating Department: Community Development

Department Director:

  
Meredith T. Elguira

City Manager:

  
Chris Jeffers

**SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO TEN WELL-MAINTAINED HOMES NOMINATED BY LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND SELECTED BY THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE PLANNING COMMISSION**

**PURPOSE:** To recognize ten (10) homes selected by the Planning Commission as awardees of the Home Recognition Program ("Program").

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:** The City Council will consider:

- a. Presenting Certificates of Appreciation, lawn signs, and azalea plants to 10 awardees selected by the Planning Commission to be recognized for their efforts in maintaining and beautifying their homes.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funds in the amount of \$5,000 were included in the Fiscal Year 2023/24 budget for the Program.

**ANALYSIS:** The Home Recognition Program the ("Program") recognizes residents who have committed to beautifying and maintaining their homes. Many attractive homes in the City inspire other residents while raising community pride and spirit. The Program will highlight and recognize these homes and motivate others to improve their homes, enhance residential neighborhoods, and improve the quality of life for South Gate residents. The nominated homes are located throughout the City and were nominated by homeowners, residents, or City Staff; however, most nominations derived from the public.

This year, 25 Home Recognition applications were received but only 18 met the Program eligibility requirements. These homes are located throughout the City and were nominated by homeowners, residents, or City staff. The Program will highlight and recognize two homes from each of the five districts to motivate others to improve their homes, thereby enhancing residential neighborhoods and improving the quality of life for South Gate residents. The Program has three components: (1) promotion and nominations, (2) selection of awardees, and (3) recognition by the City Council.

Below is a description of the Program:

### **Program Outreach**

The City advertised the Program on the City's website and social media accounts, the South Gate Chamber of Commerce, and the community social media accounts.

### **Program Procedures**

- **Application:** residents and City staff were encouraged to submit nominations for homes deserving recognition via email or in-person at City Hall.
- **Eligibility:** City staff verified the eligibility of all applications. All nominees must meet the eligibility requirements, a staff member conducted an assessment from a distance and took photos to present to the Planning Commission.
- **Selection of Homes:** Per the City Council's direction, the homes were selected by the Planning Commission. The Program's goal is to select 10 homes to be recognized by the City Council each year.

### **Eligibility**

For a resident/homeowner to be eligible to participate in the Program, the property must not have any pending Code Enforcement, Building & Safety, and Planning Division violations, nor have any property maintenance issues visible from the street such as trash cans on the front yard, inoperable vehicles, unpermitted canopies, and discarded house items.

### **Notifications**

The City notified the selected nominees and invited them to the October 10, 2023, City Council meeting to be recognized by the City Council. During the meeting, the awardees will:

- Be recognized by the City Council and receive a Certificate of Appreciation.
- Receive a lawn sign to be displayed on their front lawn.
- Receive an azalea plant.

On September 19, 2023, the Planning Commission reviewed and selected 10 homes listed below to be recognized for the Program:

	Name of Owner/Residents	Area	Property Address
1.	Juan & Selene Andrade	1	8836 Beaudine Avenue
2.	Yanira Gomez	1	10210 Capistrano Avenue
3.	Consuelo & Antonio Jaime	2	8644 Garden View Avenue
4.	Rosalva Garcia	2	8173 Madison Avenue
5.	Jorge Gonzalez	3	8130 San Luis Avenue
6.	Debra Valdes	3	8134 San Luis Avenue
7.	Rene Mojica Diaz	4	10505 St. James Avenue
8.	Roberto and Reyes	4	10600 Walnut Avenue
9.	Danny Hawa	5	10624 Beak Avenue
10.	Ramon Luna	5	11527 Idaho Street

**BACKGROUND:** Over 20 years ago, the City established a Home and Business Beautification Award program in conjunction with the South Gate Chamber of Commerce. The Program's purpose was to recognize homeowners and businesses with well-maintained properties. For several years, the City displayed pictures of the awardees' homes and businesses at City Hall. On July 24, 2018,

the City Council voted to re-establish the Program and designated the Planning Commission as the body to select nominees to be recognized by the City Council. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City put the Program on hold. Current circumstances have allowed for the Program to be reinstated.

**ATTACHMENTS:** A. Pictures of homes  
B. Certificates of Appreciation





**City of  
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# **Home Recognition Program**

**October 10, 2023**





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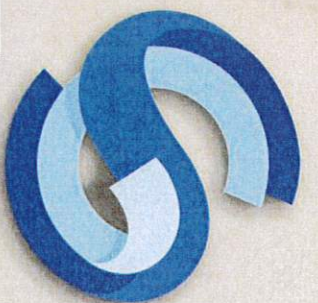












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AREA 5







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## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Presented by the South Gate City Council  
on Behalf of the Citizens of South Gate to:

***Juan & Selene Andrade***

In recognition of being selected as a recipient of the  
Home Recognition Program Award  
for your property located at

***8836 Beaudine Avenue.***

By beautifying and maintaining your property, you are  
raising neighborhood pride and improving the quality of  
life in your community.

Thank you and congratulations!

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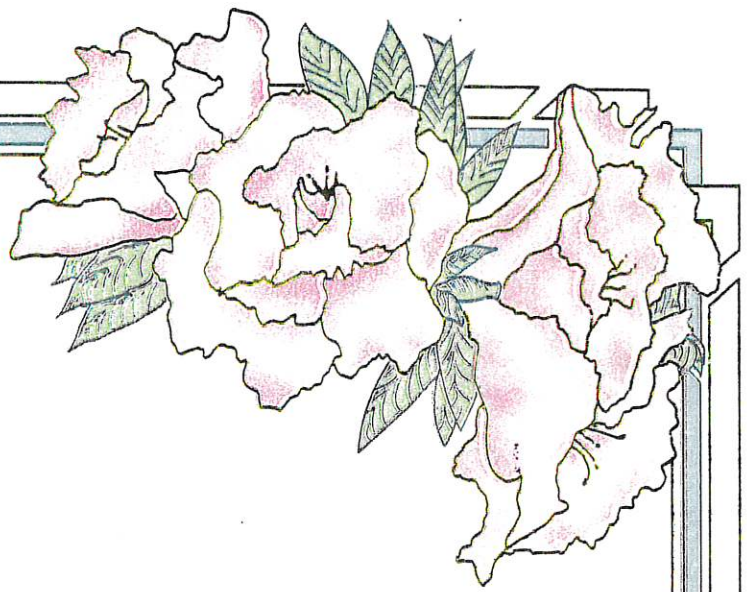
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October 10, 2023

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## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Presented by the South Gate City Council  
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***Yanira Gomez***

In recognition of being selected as a recipient of the  
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for your property located at

***10210 Capistrano Avenue.***

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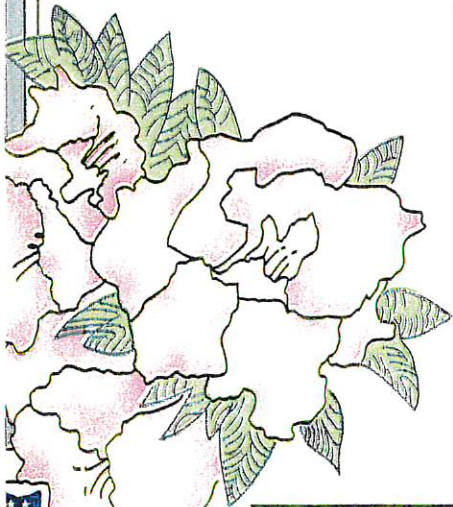
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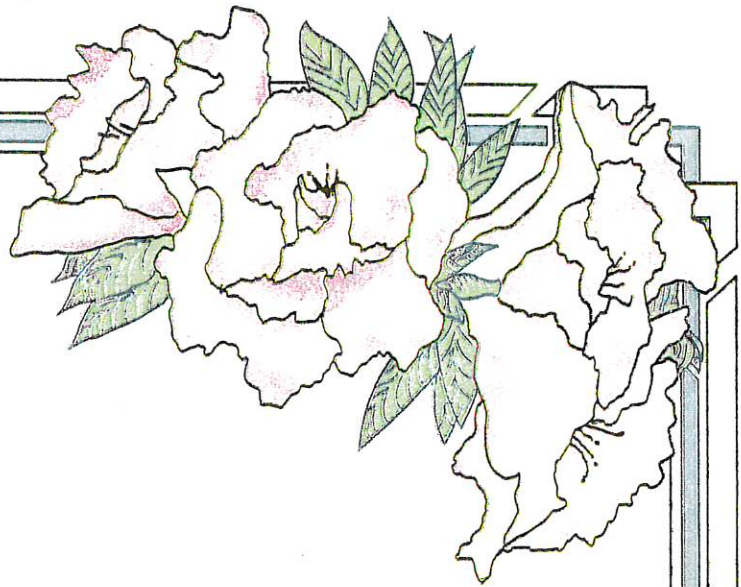
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## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Presented by the South Gate City Council  
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***Antonio & Consuelo Jaime***

In recognition of being selected as a recipient of the  
Home Recognition Program Award  
for your property located at

***8644 Garden View Avenue.***

By beautifying and maintaining your property, you are  
raising neighborhood pride and improving the quality of  
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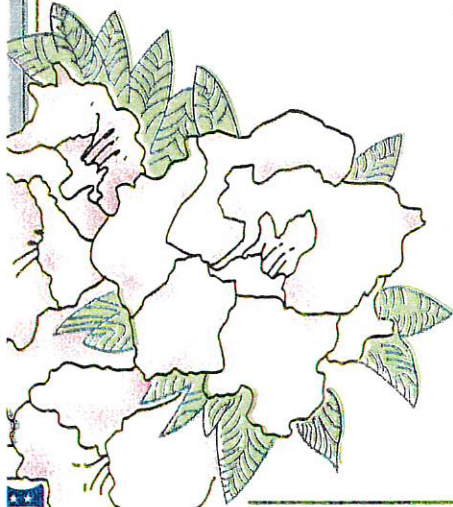
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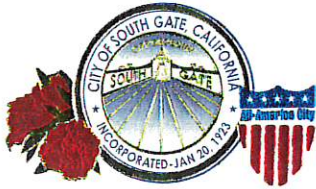
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## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Presented by the South Gate City Council  
on Behalf of the Citizens of South Gate to:

***Rosalva Garcia***

In recognition of being selected as a recipient of the  
Home Recognition Program Award  
for your property located at

***8173 Madison Avenue.***

By beautifying and maintaining your property, you are  
raising neighborhood pride and improving the quality of  
life in your community.

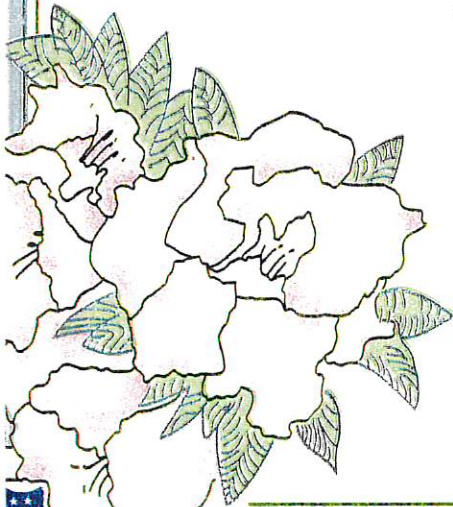
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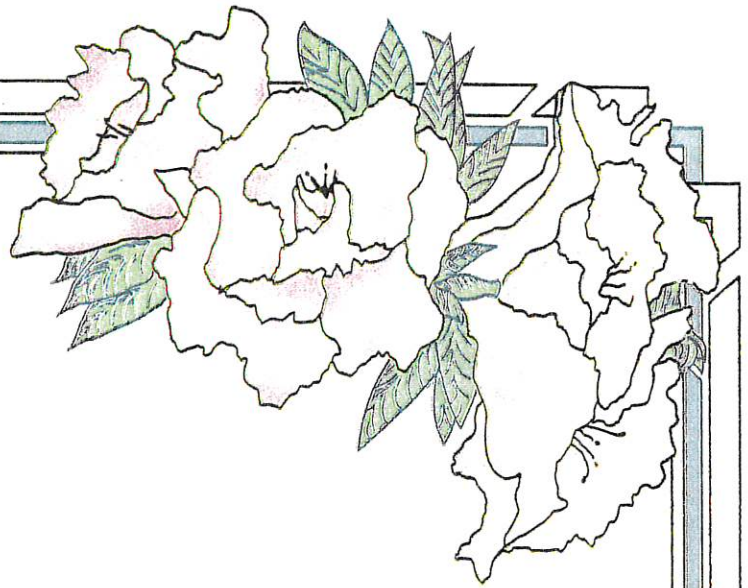
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Presented by the South Gate City Council  
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***Jorge Gonzalez***

In recognition of being selected as a recipient of the  
Home Recognition Program Award  
for your property located at

***8130 San Luis Avenue.***

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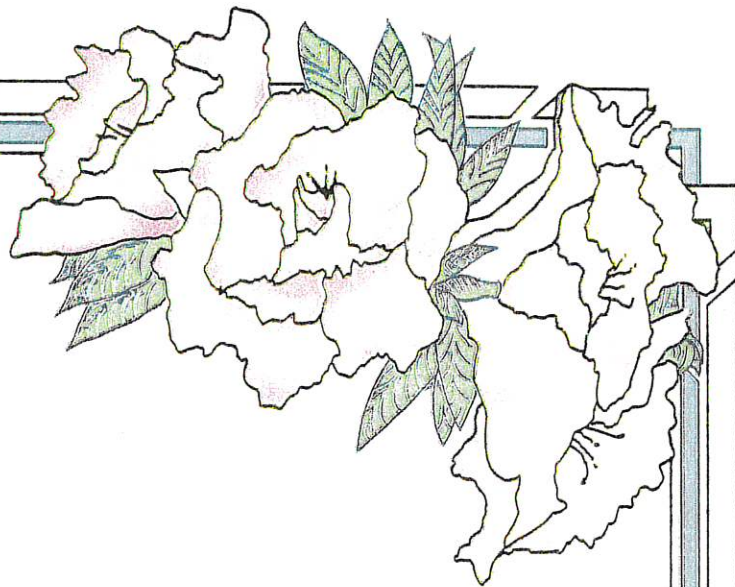
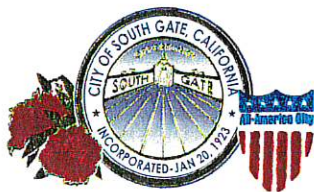
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## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Presented by the South Gate City Council  
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***Debra Valdes***

In recognition of being selected as a recipient of the  
Home Recognition Program Award  
for your property located at

***8134 San Luis Avenue.***

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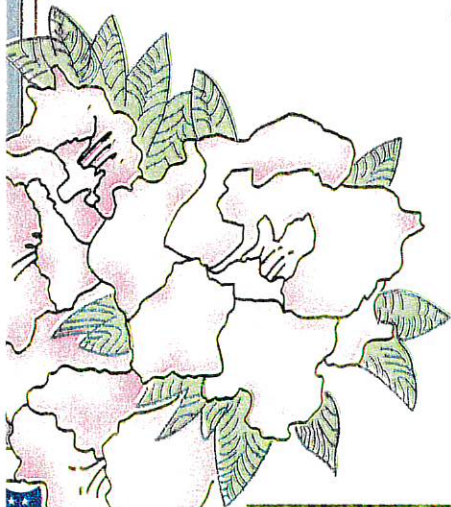
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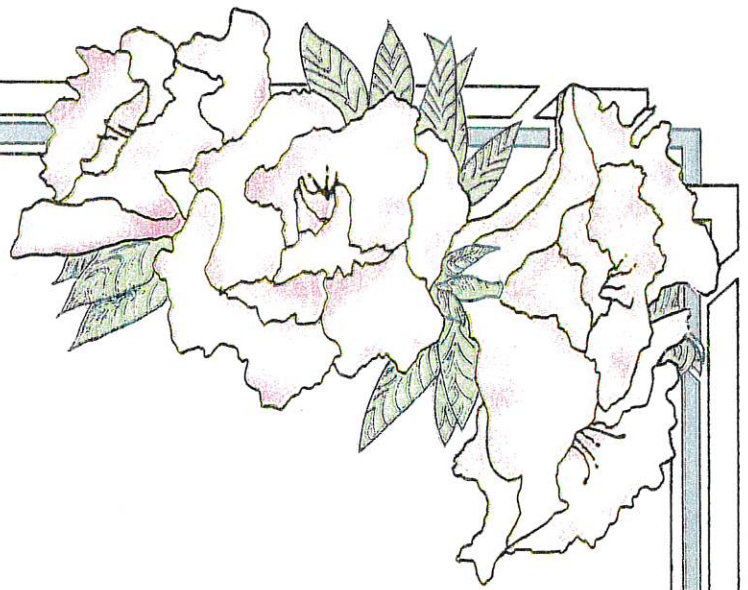
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# City of South Gate



## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Presented by the South Gate City Council  
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***Rene Mojica Diaz***

In recognition of being selected as a recipient of the  
Home Recognition Program Award  
for your property located at

***10505 St. James Avenue.***

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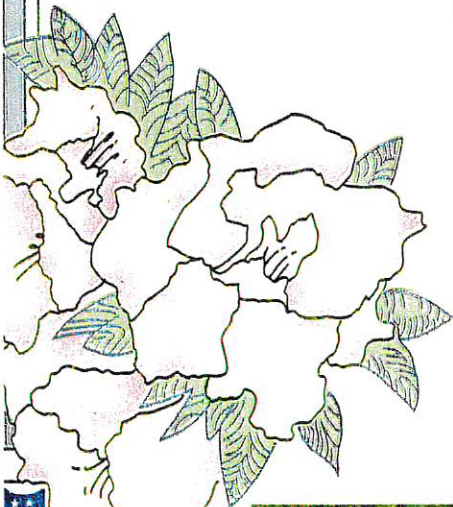
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Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor

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***Roberto & Maria Reyes***

In recognition of being selected as a recipient of the  
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for your property located at

***10600 Walnut Avenue.***

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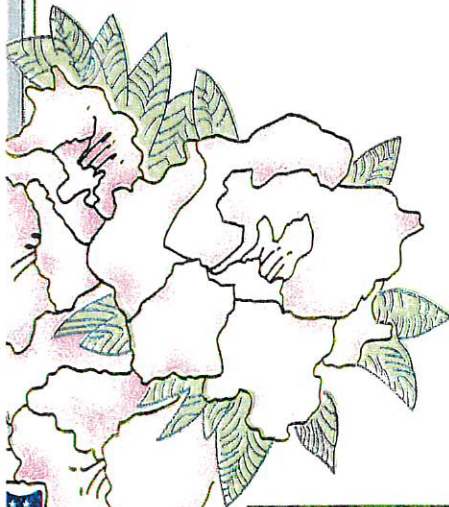
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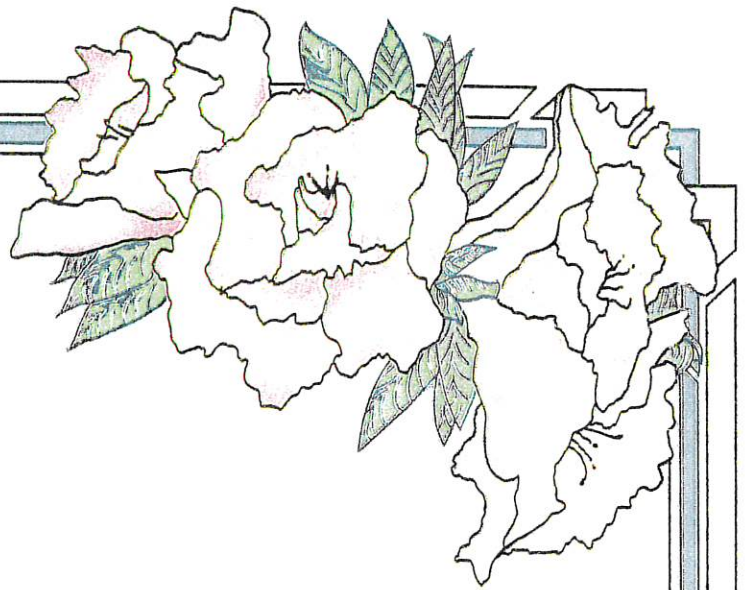
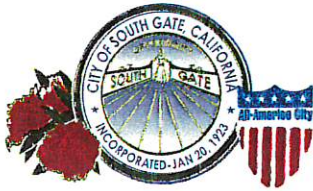
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## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

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***Danny Hawa***

In recognition of being selected as a recipient of the  
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for your property located at

***10624 Beak Avenue.***

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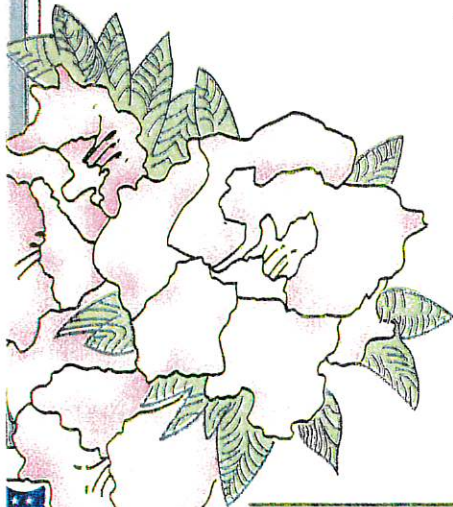
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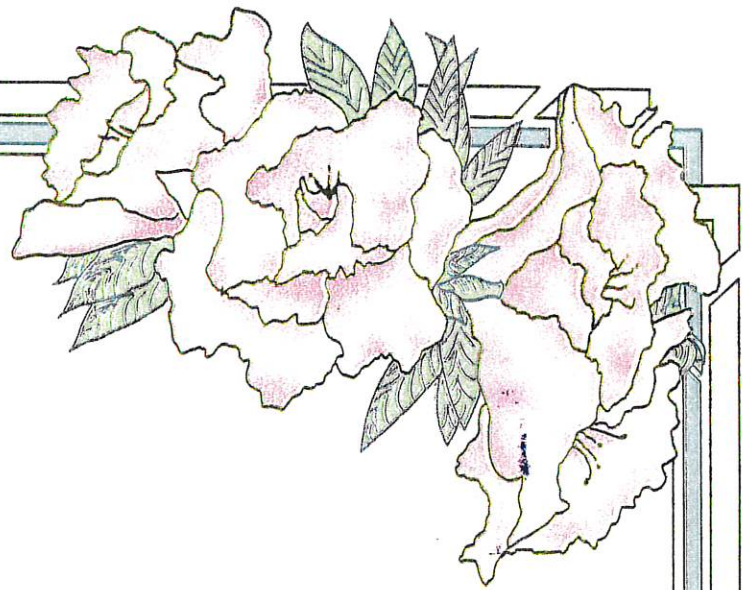
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## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Presented by the South Gate City Council  
on Behalf of the Citizens of South Gate to:

***Ramon Luna***

In recognition of being selected as a recipient of the  
Home Recognition Program Award  
for your property located at

***11527 Idaho Avenue.***

By beautifying and maintaining your property, you are  
raising neighborhood pride and improving the quality of  
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Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor

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