



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

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

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

**DIAL-IN-NUMBER: 1 (669) 900-6833  
MEETING ID: 837 3560 1444  
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HAND THEN \*6 TO UNMUTE YOURSELF WHEN INSTRUCTED**

### **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.

## **Open Session Agenda**

### **1. Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation for the Miss Azaleita Court 2019 and introduction of the Miss Azaleita Court 2023**

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Avalos will: (PARKS)

a. Present Certificates of Appreciation to the outgoing Miss Azaleita Court 2019 in recognition of their dedicated service to the community; and

b. Introduce the incoming Miss Azaleita Court 2023 and present each of them with a City Centennial pin.

Documents:

[Item 1 Report 11282023.pdf](#)

### **2. Introduction of new and promoted employees**

The City Council will consider receiving and filing the list of new and promoted full-time employees hired or promoted during October 2023. (HR)

Documents:

[Item 2 Report 11282023.pdf](#)

**3. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Ricardo Soltero recognizing his talent and contribution in Mexican Folk Art**

The City Council will present a Certificate of Appreciation to Ricardo Soltero recognizing his talent and contribution in Mexican Folk Art. (COUNCIL)

Documents:

[Item 3 Report 11282023.pdf](#)

**4. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to FHC acknowledging contribution of business being brought into the City of South Gate**

The City Council will present a Certificate of Appreciation to FHC Frameless Hardware Company acknowledging contribution of business being brought into the City of South Gate. (COUNCIL)

Documents:

[Item 4 Report 11282023.pdf](#)

**5. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Glasswerks acknowledging and celebrating 43rd Anniversary in business in South Gate and commending contribution of business being brought into the City of South Gate**

The City Council will present a Certificate of Appreciation to Glasswerks acknowledging and celebrating 43rd Anniversary in business in South Gate and commending contribution of business being brought into the City of South Gate. (COUNCIL)

Documents:

[Item 5 Report 11282023.pdf](#)

**6. Presentation of a plaque for outgoing City Manager Chris Jeffers**

The City Council will present a plaque to the outgoing City Manager Chris Jeffers. (COUNCIL)

**Closed Session: (ATTY)**

**1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION**

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

- a. Edward Huffman v. City of South Gate (WCAB)
- b. Aurelia Enache v. City of South Gate
- c. Esteban Hernandez v. City of South Gate; County of Los Angeles, et al.

- d. Maria Morales v. City of South Gate
- e. City of South Gate v. Vallarta Tires

Documents:

[Closed Session Memorandum 11282023.pdf](#)

## **Special Meeting Adjournment**

I, Yodit Glaze, City Clerk, certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Meeting Agenda was posted on November 22, 2023, at 12:10 p.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.

## **MEETING SCHEDULE**

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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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**City of South Gate**  
CITY COUNCIL

**AGENDA BILL**

For the Special Meeting of: November 28, 2023

Originating Department: Parks & Recreation

Acting Director: Steve Costley <sup>(HE)</sup> City Manager: Chris Jeffers <sup>(HE)</sup>  
Steve Costley Chris Jeffers

**SUBJECT: CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO MISS AZALEITA COURT 2019 AND INTRODUCTION OF MISS AZALEITA COURT 2023**

**PURPOSE:** To issue Certificates of Appreciation to the outgoing Miss Azaleita Court 2019 for their dedicated service and introduce incoming Miss Azaleita Court 2023.

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:** On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Avalos will:

- a. Present Certificates of Appreciation to the outgoing Miss Azaleita Court 2019 in recognition of their dedicated service to the community; and
- b. Introduce the incoming Miss Azaleita Court 2023 and present each of them with a City Centennial pin.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**BACKGROUND:** During the 2023 Azalea Festival, the Multicultural Women's Club hosted the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Miss Azaleita contest and selected a new Miss Azaleita and court for 2023. The City Council would like to acknowledge the outgoing Miss Azaleita Court 2019 and extend its appreciation to each of them for their dedicated service to the community:

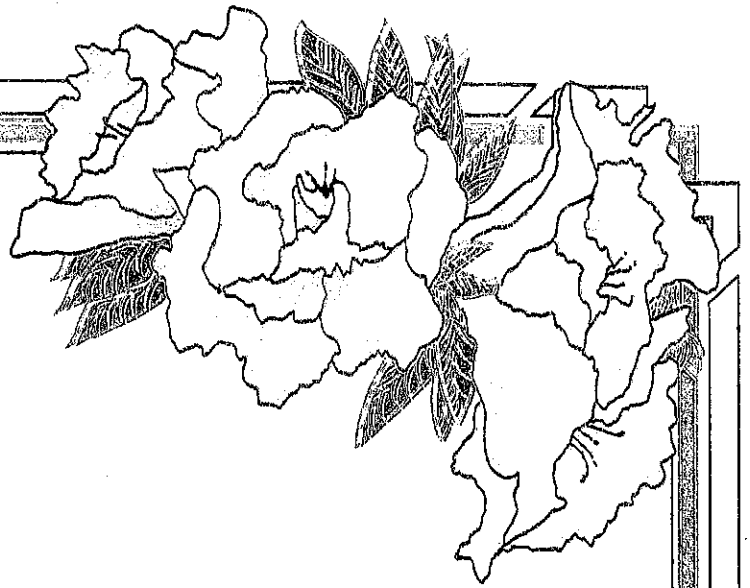
Miss Azaleita 2019	Harley Quezada
1 <sup>st</sup> Princess 2019	Mia Zesati
2 <sup>nd</sup> Princess 2019	Ella Zesati
Miss Congeniality 2019	Samantha Moreno
Miss Photogenic 2019	London Campos

The City Council will introduce and recognize the incoming Miss Azaleita Court 2023:

Miss Azaleita 2023	Aubree Sonia Jimenez
1 <sup>st</sup> Princess 2023	Yaxal M. Aquino
2 <sup>nd</sup> Princess 2023	Talia Gutierrez
Miss Congeniality 2023	Isabella Ocampo
Miss Photogenic 2023	Bowie Quezada

**ATTACHMENTS:** Certificates of Appreciation

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## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

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

***Harley Quezada***

In recognition and commendation  
for your dedicated service to the  
South Gate community during your reign as

***Miss Azaleita 2019.***

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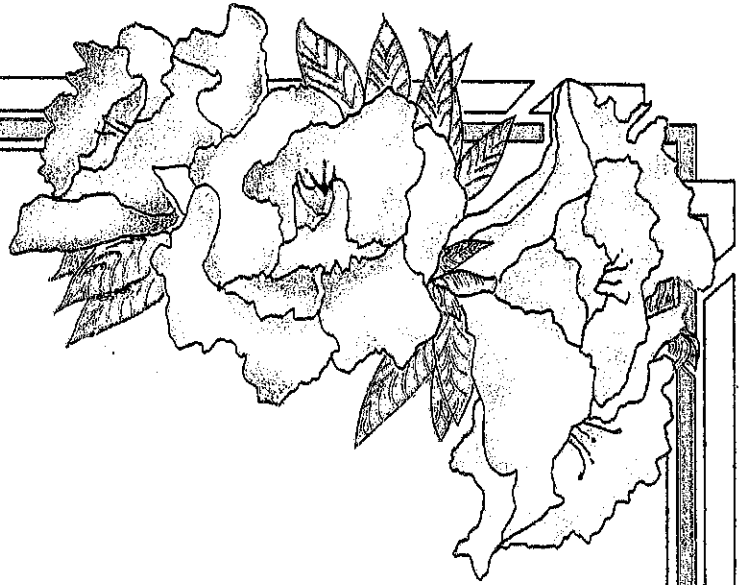
Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor

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## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Presented by the  
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on behalf of the citizens of South Gate to:

***Mia Zesati***

In recognition and commendation  
for your dedicated service to the  
South Gate community during your reign as

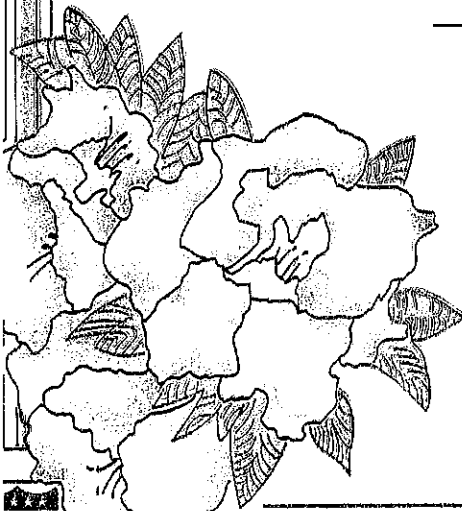
***1<sup>st</sup> Princess – 2019 Miss Azaleita Court.***

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Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor

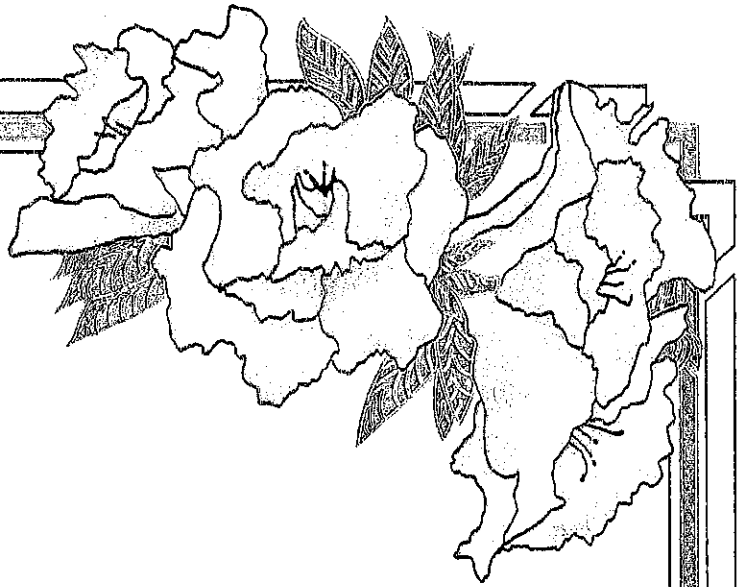
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***Ella Zesati***

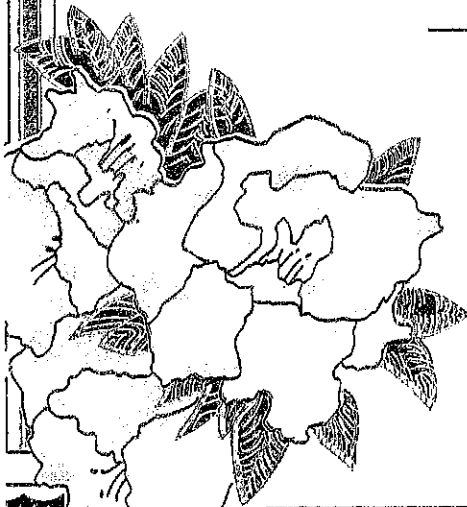
In recognition and commendation  
for your dedicated service to the  
South Gate community during your reign as  
***2<sup>nd</sup> Princess – 2019 Miss Azaleita Court.***

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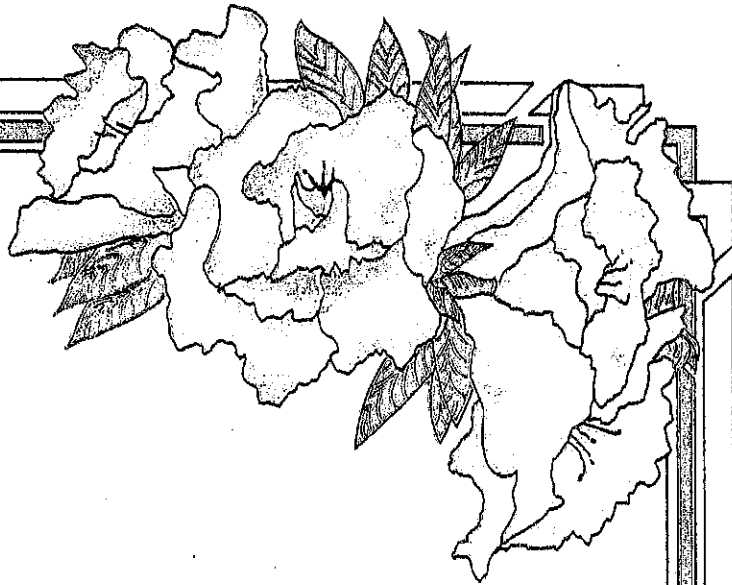
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## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

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

***Samantha Moreno***

In recognition and commendation  
for your dedicated service to the  
South Gate community during your reign as

***Miss Congeniality - 2019 Miss Azalea Court.***

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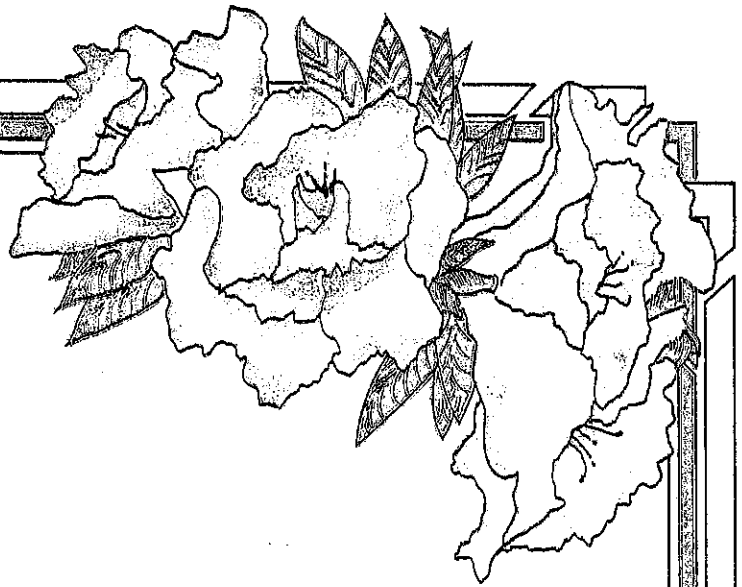
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## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

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***London Campos***

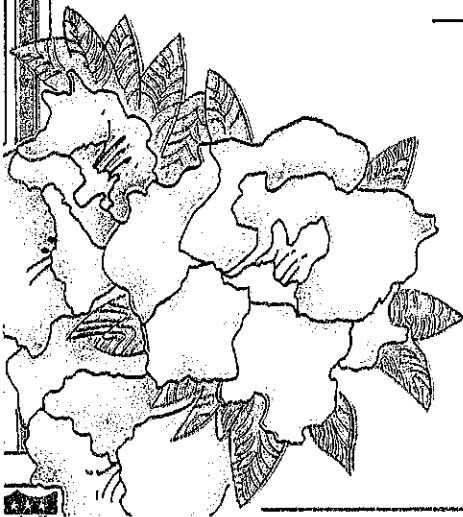
In recognition and commendation  
for your dedicated service to the  
South Gate community during your reign as  
***Miss Photogenic - 2019 Miss Azaleita Court.***

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Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor

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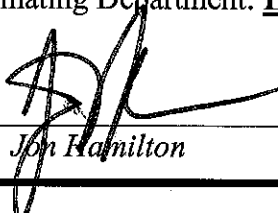
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## CITY COUNCIL

# AGENDA BILL

For the Special Meeting of: November 28, 2023Originating Department: Human Resources

Human Resources Director:


  
Jon Hamilton

City Manager:


  
Chris Jeffers

**SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW AND PROMOTED FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES HIRED IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023**

**PURPOSE:** To introduce to the City Council the newly hired and promoted full-time employees in the month of October 2023.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** The City Council will consider receiving and filing the list of new and promoted full-time employees hired or promoted during October 2023.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

**ANALYSIS:** None

**BACKGROUND:** The following is a list of new and promoted full-time City employees who were hired or promoted in the month of October 2023:

Employee	Title	Department	Division	Original Hire Date	Promo Date	Promoted From
Wendy O'Kelly	Director of Administrative Services	Administrative Services	Finance	07/25/22	10/22/23	Deputy Director of Finance
Rosa Baltazar	Human Resource Technician	Human Resources	Admin	10/30/23		
Esther Washington	Senior Secretary	Community Development	Admin	10/16/23		
Belen Medina	Police Records Specialist	Police	Services	10/15/23		

**ATTACHMENT:** PowerPoint Presentation



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# INTRODUCTION OF THE CITY'S NEW & PROMOTIONAL FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES





# Administrative Services





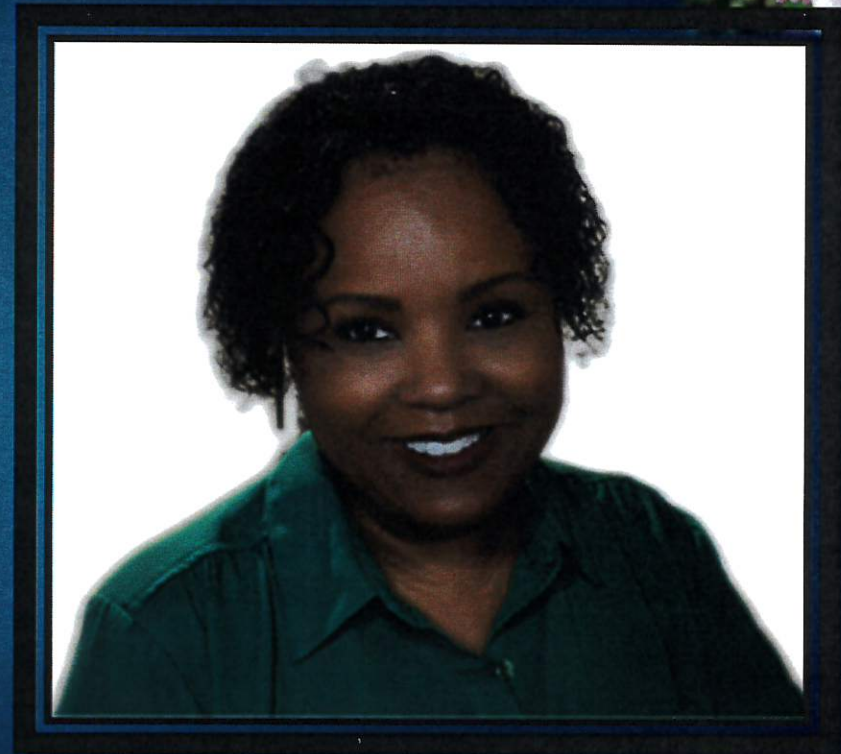
# Wendy O'Kelly

Director of Administrative  
Services

Administrative Services

Promotion Date: 10/22/23

Original Hire Date: 7/25/22





# Human Resources





Rosa Baltazar

Human Resources Technician

Human Resources

Hire Date: 10/30/23





# Community Development







# Esther Washington

Senior Secretary

Community Development

Hire Date: 10/16/23







# Police Development



Belen Medina

Police Records Specialist  
Police

Hire Date: 10/15/2023





# Thank You

# City of South Gate



## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

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

***Ricardo Soltero***

In recognition of your talent in designing  
Mexican Folk Art, and in appreciation for your  
contribution to the community of South Gate.

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Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor

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## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

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

***FHC***  
***Frameless Hardware Company***

In recognition  
of the important contribution your business  
provides to our City and community.

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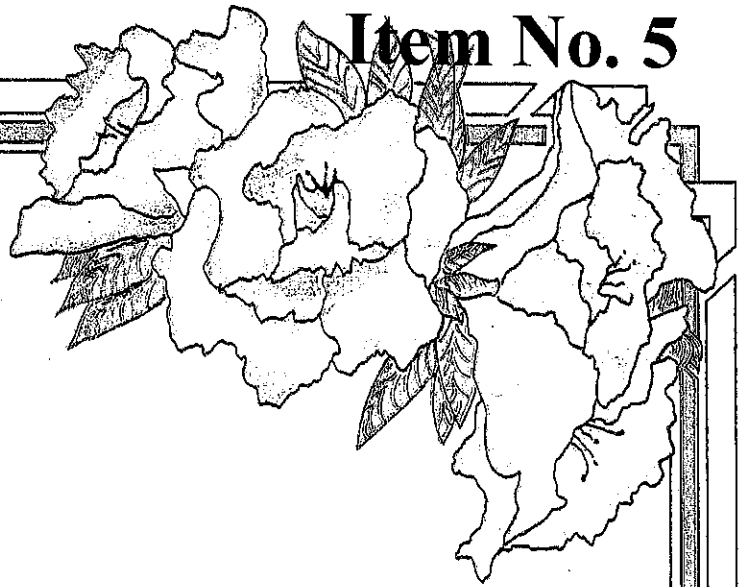
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## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

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

***Glasswerks***

In recognition and celebration of your  
**43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary** in business in the City of  
South Gate and acknowledging the  
important contribution your business brings  
to our community.

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Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Chris Jeffers, City Manager

**FROM:** Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney *RS (22)*

**DATE:** November 22, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 28, 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 November 28, 2023, 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)
  - a. Edward Huffman v. City of South Gate (WCAB)
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