



**SOUTH GATE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday, December 12, 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: 830 6214 0125  
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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**  
Robert Houston

**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. Certificate of Appreciation to Teacher, Paul Burgueño for outstanding Advanced Placement Pass Rates in Calculus AB**

The City Council will present a Certificate of Appreciation to Teacher, Paul Burgueño in recognition of his outstanding Advanced Placement Pass Rates in Calculus AB. (CC)

Documents:

[Item 1 Report 12122023.pdf](#)

### **2. Certificate of Appreciation to Teacher, Edwin Moraila for outstanding Advanced Placement Pass Rates in Calculus AB and Calculus BC**

The City Council will present a Certificate of Appreciation to Edwin Moraila in recognition of his outstanding Advanced Placement Pass Rates in Calculus AB and Calculus BC. (CC)

Documents:

[Item 2 Report 12122023.pdf](#)

**3. Certificate of Appreciation to Teacher, Imelda Tovar for outstanding Advanced Placement Pass Rates in Spanish Language and Culture and in Spanish Literature and Culture**

The City Council will present a Certificate of Appreciation to Imelda Tovar in recognition of your outstanding Advanced Placement Pass Rates in Spanish Language and Culture and in Spanish Literature and Culture. (CC)

Documents:

[Item 3 Report 12122023.pdf](#)

**4. Proclamation to Vinnie Timoteo celebrating his retirement after 34.5 years of service to the City of South Gate**

The City Council will present a Proclamation to Vineula "Vinnie" Timoteo in recognition of his 34 1/2 years of service to the City of South Gate. (ADMIN SVCS)

Documents:

[Item 4 Report 12122023.pdf](#)

**Closed Session: (ATTY)**

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

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

a. Beatriz Sereno v. City of South Gate; County of Los Angeles, et al.

Documents:

[Closed Session Memorandum 12122023.pdf](#)

**Special Meeting Adjournment**

I, Yodit Glaze, City Clerk, certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Meeting Agenda was posted on December 6, 2023, at 2:05 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).

City of South Gate



## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

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

*Paul Burgueño*

In recognition of your outstanding Advanced  
Placement Pass Rates in Calculus AB.

Thank you for your time and devotion in developing  
South Gate High School scholars and supporting  
them in higher education with high expectations.

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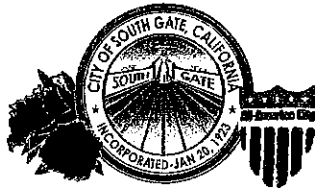
Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor

December 12, 2023

*The Azalea City*



City of South Gate



## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

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

***Edwin Moraila***

In recognition of your outstanding Advanced  
Placement Pass Rates in Calculus AB  
and Calculus BC.

Thank you for your time and devotion in developing  
South Gate High School scholars and supporting  
them in higher education with high expectations.

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:

*Imelda Tovar*

In recognition of your outstanding Advanced  
Placement Pass Rates in Spanish Language and  
Culture and in Spanish Literature and Culture.

Thank you for your time and devotion in developing  
South Gate High School scholars and supporting  
them in higher education with high expectations.

Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor

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# City of South Gate



From the Honorable  
**Mayor**

## PROCLAMATION

Presented to

**Vineula "Vinnie" Timoteo**

*In recognition of his 34 ½ years of service  
to the City of South Gate*

*Whereas, in 1989, Vinnie Timoteo was hired as an Accountant with the Finance Department where he served for 34 ½ years; and*

*Whereas, in 2007, he was reclassified to Senior Accountant; and*

*Whereas, Vinnie has served as the primary accountant for capital improvement projects, grants, and special funds completing the financial status reports for submission under the Single Audit Act; and*

*Whereas, Vinnie has received the Employee of the Year award, Certificate of Achievement in Excellence HUD Fiscal Reporting Award, and a Certificate in Advanced Governmental Accounting & Auditing; and*

*Whereas, Vinnie was seen as a gentle giant, diligent in his work, reliable and steady as he worked behind the scenes keeping the City's finances in order; and*

*Whereas, although Vinnie's quiet demeanor kept him away from the limelight, his work was instrumental in the Finance Department (later renamed to the Department of Administrative Services) receiving various awards for excellence in financial reporting and budgeting; and*

*Whereas, employees will miss his kind smile and humble personality which made everyone feel comfortable and at ease working with him; and*

*Whereas, South Gate residents and employees had the pleasure and benefit of working with this esteemed professional and wish him the very best in his much-deserved retirement.*

*Now, therefore, on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023, I, Maria de Pilar Avalos, Mayor of the City of South Gate, on behalf of the City Council and citizens of South Gate, do hereby recognize Vinnie Timoteo and duly thank him for his 34 ½ years of dedicated service to the City of South Gate.*

Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor

# MEMORANDUM

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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**TO:** Rob Houston, City Manager

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

**DATE:** December 6, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 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 December 12, 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. Beatriz Sereno v. City of South Gate; County of Los Angeles, et al.

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