



SOUTH GATE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 5:40 p.m.

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

WEBSITE: [HTTPS://WWW.CITYOFSOUTHGATE.ORG](https://www.cityofsouthgate.org)

City Officials

MAYOR, Gil Hurtado

CITY CLERK, Yodit Glaze

VICE MAYOR, Maria Davila

CITY TREASURER, Jose De La Paz

COUNCIL MEMBER, Maria del Pilar Avalos

CITY MANAGER, Rob Houston

COUNCIL MEMBER, Joshua Barron

CITY ATTORNEY, Raul F. Salinas

COUNCIL MEMBER, Al Rios

If you would like to participate in this meeting, you can participate via the following options:

- 1. VIEW THE MEETING ONLINE** at <https://youtube.com/@SouthGateCA90280>
- 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 preclude 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.

Call to Order/Roll Call

CALL TO ORDER: Gil Hurtado, Mayor

ROLL CALL: Yodit Glaze, City Clerk

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. Maria Fernandez v. City of South Gate, et al.

Documents:

[Cloesed Session Memorandum 03262024.pdf](#)

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c)

One (1) - Potential Cases

Open Session Agenda

1. Proclamation declaring April 14-20, 2024 as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week

The City Council will issue a Proclamation declaring the month of April 14-20, 2024, as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week. (PD)

Documents:

[Item 1 Report 03262024.pdf](#)

2. Proclamation declaring April 2024 as Autism Awareness Month

The City Council will issue a Proclamation declaring the month of April 2024, as Autism Awareness month. (PD)

Documents:

[Item 2 Report 03262024.pdf](#)

3. Proclamation declaring April 7-13, 2024 as National Library Week

The City Council will issue a Proclamation declaring the month of April 7-13, 2024, as National Library Week. (CM)

Documents:

[Item 3 Report 03262024.pdf](#)

4. Introduction of new and promoted employees for the month of February 2024

The City Council will consider receiving and filing the list of new and promoted full-time employees hired or promoted during February 2024. (HR)

Documents:

[Item 4 Report 03262024.pdf](#)

Special Meeting Adjournment

I, Yodit Glaze, City Clerk, certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Meeting Agenda was posted on March 21, 2024, at 1:10 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.

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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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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rob Houston, City Manager

FROM: Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney 

DATE: March 20, 2024

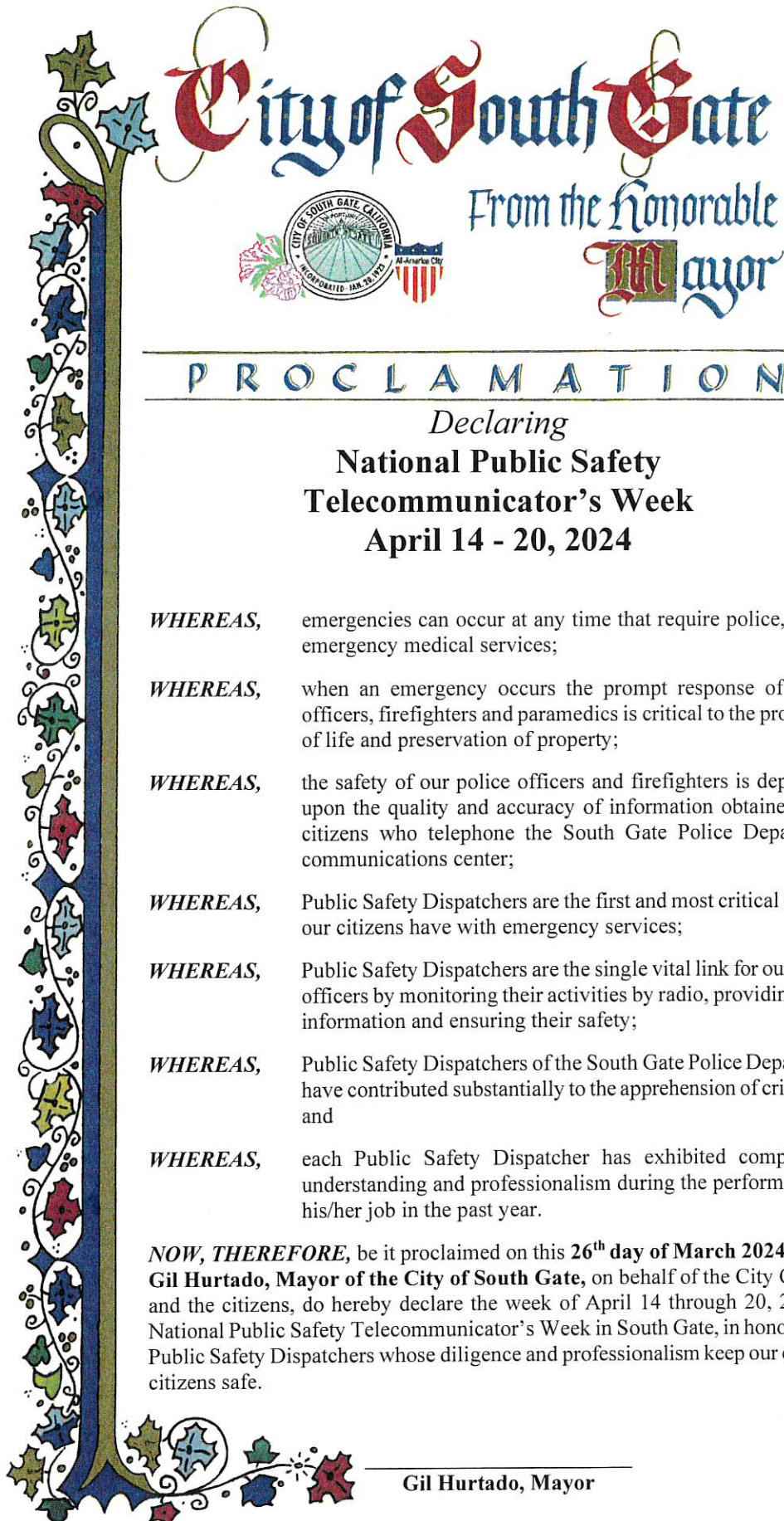
SUBJECT: **CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF MARCH 26, 2024**

The following items should be listed on the Closed Session Agenda for the Special City Council Meeting of the City of South Gate on March 26, 2024, at 5:40 p.m.:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), 54954.9(b)(3)(C)
 - a. Maria Fernandez v. City of South Gate, et al.

2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office immediately.



City of South Gate



From the Honorable
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

Declaring
**National Public Safety
Telecommunicator's Week
April 14 - 20, 2024**

- WHEREAS,** emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services;
- WHEREAS,** when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property;
- WHEREAS,** the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the South Gate Police Department communications center;
- WHEREAS,** Public Safety Dispatchers are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services;
- WHEREAS,** Public Safety Dispatchers are the single vital link for our police officers by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety;
- WHEREAS,** Public Safety Dispatchers of the South Gate Police Department have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals; and
- WHEREAS,** each Public Safety Dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of his/her job in the past year.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed on this 26th day of March 2024, that I, **Gil Hurtado, Mayor of the City of South Gate**, on behalf of the City Council and the citizens, do hereby declare the week of April 14 through 20, 2024 as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week in South Gate, in honor of our Public Safety Dispatchers whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

Gil Hurtado, Mayor



City of South Gate



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Mayor

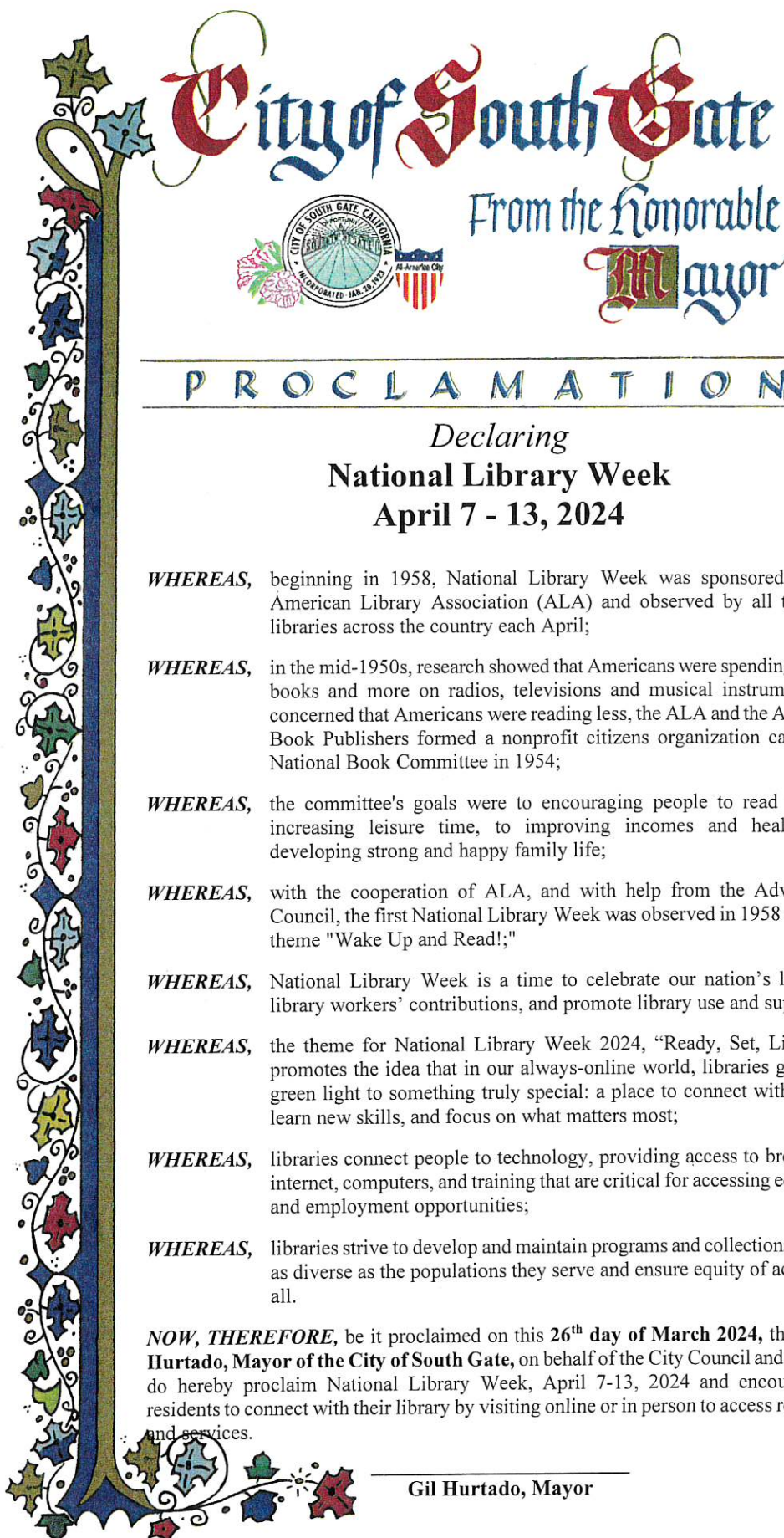
PROCLAMATION

Declaring **Autism Awareness Month** **April 2024**

- WHEREAS,** the month of April has been designated to spread awareness about Autism acceptance and promote inclusion and connectedness for people with Autism;
- WHEREAS,** Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a complex developmental disability that affects differently and usually appears by age two or three;
- WHEREAS,** ASD refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social, emotional, communication and motor skills, repetitive behaviors, speech, nonverbal communication, sensory sensitivities, and difficulty with making eye contact;
- WHEREAS,** the color blue symbolizes support for individuals on the Autism spectrum and their families;
- WHEREAS,** the autism symbol for 2024 and Autistic Pride Day is represented by the rainbow infinity symbol intended to represent the diversity of Autistic people and the infinite possibilities and variations within the Autistic community;
- WHEREAS,** a person with Autism can have a distinct set of strengths and challenges in which they learn, think and problem-solve, people with ASD may require significant assistance in their daily lives, while others may require less and, in some cases, live entirely independently without assistance;
- WHEREAS,** although there is no cure for Autism, research reveals that high quality, early intervention can improve learning, communication, and social skills, as well as underlying brain development.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed on this 26th day of March 2024, that **I, Gil Hurtado, Mayor of the City of South Gate**, on behalf of the City Council and citizens, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024 as Autism Awareness Month, and encourage residents to become aware of Autism indicators, seek early intervention and support those living with Autism.

Gil Hurtado, Mayor



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From the Honorable
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

Declaring National Library Week April 7 - 13, 2024

WHEREAS, beginning in 1958, National Library Week was sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and observed by all types of libraries across the country each April;

WHEREAS, in the mid-1950s, research showed that Americans were spending less on books and more on radios, televisions and musical instruments so, concerned that Americans were reading less, the ALA and the American Book Publishers formed a nonprofit citizens organization called the National Book Committee in 1954;

WHEREAS, the committee's goals were to encouraging people to read in their increasing leisure time, to improving incomes and health, and developing strong and happy family life;

WHEREAS, with the cooperation of ALA, and with help from the Advertising Council, the first National Library Week was observed in 1958 with the theme "Wake Up and Read!";

WHEREAS, National Library Week is a time to celebrate our nation's libraries, library workers' contributions, and promote library use and support;

WHEREAS, the theme for National Library Week 2024, "Ready, Set, Library!," promotes the idea that in our always-online world, libraries give us a green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most;

WHEREAS, libraries connect people to technology, providing access to broadband internet, computers, and training that are critical for accessing education and employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve and ensure equity of access for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed on this 26th day of March 2024, that I, **Gil Hurtado, Mayor of the City of South Gate**, on behalf of the City Council and citizens, do hereby proclaim National Library Week, April 7-13, 2024 and encourage all residents to connect with their library by visiting online or in person to access resources and services.

Gil Hurtado, Mayor

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

MAR 12 2024

10:00 AM

City of South Gate CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA BILL

For the Special Meeting of: March 26, 2024

Originating Department: Human Resources

Human Resources Director:

Jon Hamilton

City Manager:

Rob Houston

SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW AND PROMOTED FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES HIRED IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024

PURPOSE: To introduce to the City Council the newly hired and promoted full-time employees in the month of February 2024.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The City Council will consider receiving and filing the list of new and promoted full-time employees hired or promoted during February 2024.

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 February 2024:

| Employee | Title | Department | Division | Original Hire Date | Promo Date | Promoted From |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Daniel Gonzalez | Grounds Maintenance Worker | Parks & Recreation | Park Maintenance | 01/03/22 | 02/11/24 | Recreation Leader II |
| Roy Ocegueda | Lead Electrician | Public Works | Electrical | 11/27/17 | 02/26/24 | Electrician I |
| Julian Bowen | Electrician I | Public Works | Electrical | 02/26/24 | | |

ATTACHMENT: PowerPoint Presentation



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



Parks & Recreation



Daniel Gonzalez

Grounds Maintenance Worker
Parks & Recreation

Promotion Date: 2/11/24

Original Hire Date: 1/3/22



Public Works



Roy Ocegueda

Lead Electrician
Public Works

Promotion Date: 2/26/24

Original Hire Date: 11/27/17



Julian Bowen

Electrician I
Public Works

Hire Date: 2/6/24





Thank You