



SOUTH GATE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

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

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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	

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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.

Open Session Agenda

1. Girl Scout Gold Award Project Presentation

The City Council will give staff direction to: (PARKS)

a. Allow Aalyah Martinez to complete her Girl Scout Gold Award Project at the South Gate Sports Center by replacing a standard drinking fountain with a bottle filling station; and

b. Authorizing City staff to assist her in this project where necessary.

Documents:

[Item 1 Report 8272024.pdf](#)

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

The City Council will consider presenting Certificates of Appreciation, lawn signs, and

azalea plants to ten (10) awardees selected by the Planning Commission to be recognized for their efforts in maintaining and beautifying their homes. (CD)

Documents:

[Item 2 Report 8272024.pdf](#)

3. Introduction of new and promoted employees in the month of July

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

Documents:

[Item 3 Report 8272024.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. S. Alpizar GAL, D. Martinez v. City of South Gate
- b. Yesenia Lopez Vargas v. City of South Gate; County of Los Angeles, et al.
- c. Erick Arteaga v. City of South Gate (WCAB)

Documents:

[Closed Session Memorandum 08272024.pdf](#)

2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Representation: Rob Houston, City Manager

Employee Organizations: SGPMMA, SGMEA

Special Meeting Adjournment

I, Yodit Glaze, City Clerk, certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Meeting Agenda was posted on August 22, 2024, at 11:20 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.

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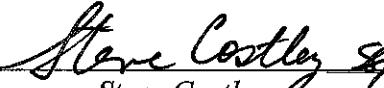
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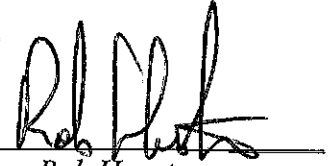
For the Regular Meeting of: August 27, 2024

Originating Department: Parks & Recreation

Department Head:


Steve Costley

City Manager:


Rob Houston

SUBJECT: GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD PROJECT PROPOSAL

PURPOSE: To allow Aalyah Martinez to replace a drinking fountain at the Sports Center with a bottle filling station.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: The City Council will give staff direction to:

- a. Allow Aalyah Martinez to complete her Girl Scout Gold Award Project at the South Gate Sports Center by replacing a standard drinking fountain with a bottle filling station; and
- b. Authorizing City staff to assist her in this project where necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT : None. Ms. Martinez will be raising all the funds necessary for the purchase of the bottle filling station and the installation.

BACKGROUND: Ms. Martinez approached the Parks & Recreation Department with this request to complete her Girl Scout Gold Award Project and staff believes that the request is a good fit for the Sports Center and the fitness crowd that uses the facility.

ATTACHMENTS: A. Girl Scout Gold Award Project Proposal
B. Girl Scout Memo

Girl Scout Gold Award Project Proposal: Project Drip Drip

Contact: Aalyah Martinez, Ambassador Girl Scout & Senior at South Gate High School
 Leilanie Martinez, Girl Scout Volunteer

Logistics:	
Mission/ Proposal Description	Water inequality in our Southeast Los Angeles community is a prevalent concern that drastically impacts marginalized and low-income neighborhoods. With rising inequitable access to clean water, global temperatures, plastic pollution, and the worsening climate crisis, it is vital to invest in resources to help the community adopt sustainable water-drinking habits. My Gold Award project proposes installing a refillable water station at the South Gate Sports Center. This station will increase the community's access to clean and filtered water and encourage the public to utilize refillable water bottles to reduce plastic use. This station will be better for our health, our environment, and our communities.
Cost	ELKAY exH20 Bottle Filling Station Costs: • Home depot: \$1,186.99 • Murdock Hydration: \$960.18 • Lowes: \$1,064.40 Installation & Maintenance: • <u>Installation</u>: \$1,200 • <u>Maintenance</u>: \$200 + labor ◦ Annually Filter replacement ■ Filter (rated for 3,000 gallons, \$150- \$200) ■ Plumber and electrician
Timeline	1) Proposal to City Council (08/2024) 2) Proposal to Girl Scout Council (09/2024) 3) Fundraise & Secure Donations (10/2024) 4) Installation (11/2024) 5) Community Red Carpet Ceremony & Sustainability Events (11/2024)

Greetings City Council,

My name is Aalyah Martinez. As a brief introduction, I am a resident of South Gate, a Senior and Associate Student Body President of South Gate High School, Key Club President, and South Gate Girl Scout.

I am passionate about taking action against the inequalities I see in my community. Historically, Southeast Los Angeles has struggled with various injustices including water quality and water access. Simultaneously, Marine ecosystems face severe threats including climate change and pollution. I am coupling my passion and my academic interests in preserving marine ecosystems through my Gold Award Project. The Gold Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout can earn by implementing a sustainable project. Only 5% of eligible Girl Scouts achieve this award and I intend to join this esteemed cohort.

For my Gold Award project, I propose the installation of a filtration water bottle refillable station in the heart of South Gate Park: The South Gate Sports Center. This resource will provide the community access to clean drinking water and encourage the usage of refillable water bottles thus minimizing plastic waste. My project would raise awareness about water inequality while promoting conservation and clean water standards.

I seek this council's permission to partner on this important community project. In addition to your permission, I request the city of South Gate's support in hosting the station in its Sports Center, providing the water for the system, and minimal biannual maintenance. I will be responsible for fundraising and securing donations for the water refillable station. Additionally, I seek to host community events geared towards sustainability and water equality. With your partnership, I look forward to making a difference in my community together.

I appreciate your time.

Many thanks,

Aalyah Martinez

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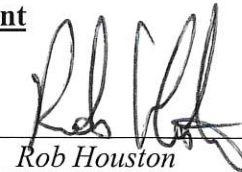
For the Regular Meeting of: **August 27, 2024**

Originating Department: **Community Development**

Department Director:


Meredith T. Elguira

City Manager:


Rob Houston

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 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 2024/25 budget for the Program.

ANALYSIS: 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, 37 Home Recognition applications were received but only 21 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 August 27, 2024, 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 August 6, 2024, the Planning Commission reviewed and selected 10 homes listed below to be recognized for the Program:

	Name of Owner/Residents	Area	Property Address
1.	Salvador Vasquez	1	10613 Montara Avenue
2.	Darrnila Medina	1	2710 Illinois Avenue
3.	Rafael G Gomez	2	3277 Minnesota Avenue
4.	Maria and Luis Vera	2	3016 Ardmore Avenue
5.	Jose L Agredano	3	3308 Santa Ana Street
6.	Pedro M Cervantes	3	8932 San Carlos Avenue
7.	Jorge Carillo	4	9208 Dorothy Avenue
8.	Aglaee Mercado	4	10223 Bryson Avenue
9.	Claudia Felix	5	11725 Oklahoma Avenue
10.	Jose I & Adriana Gradilla	5	10640 Cassina Avenue

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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Gate**

Home Recognition Program

August 27, 2024



AREA 1



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AREA 2



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AREA 3



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AREA 4



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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:

Salvador Vasquez

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

10613 Montara 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!

Gil Hurtado, Mayor
August 27, 2024

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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Presented by the South Gate City Council
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Darrnila Medina

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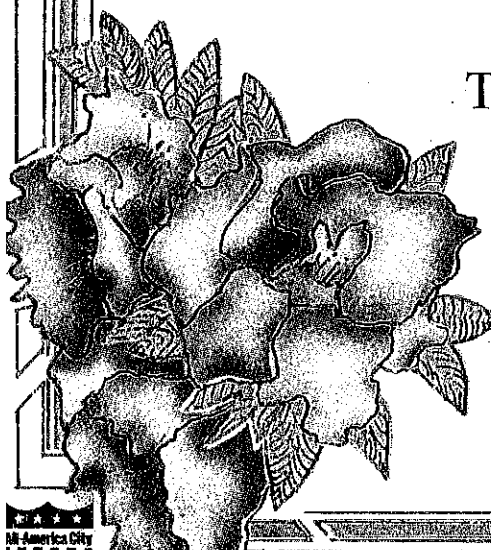
2710 Illinois Avenue

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Rafael G. Gomez

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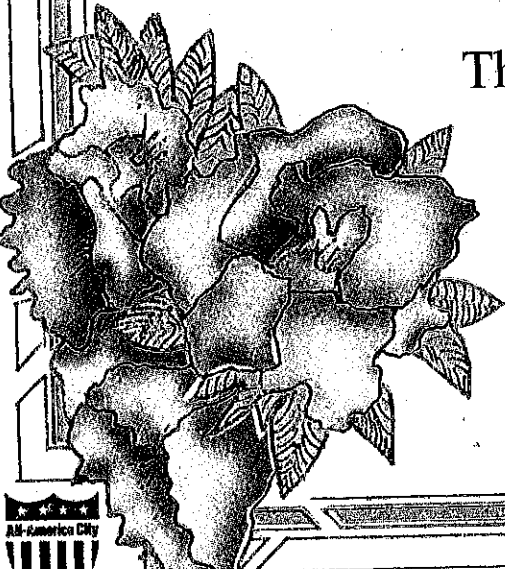
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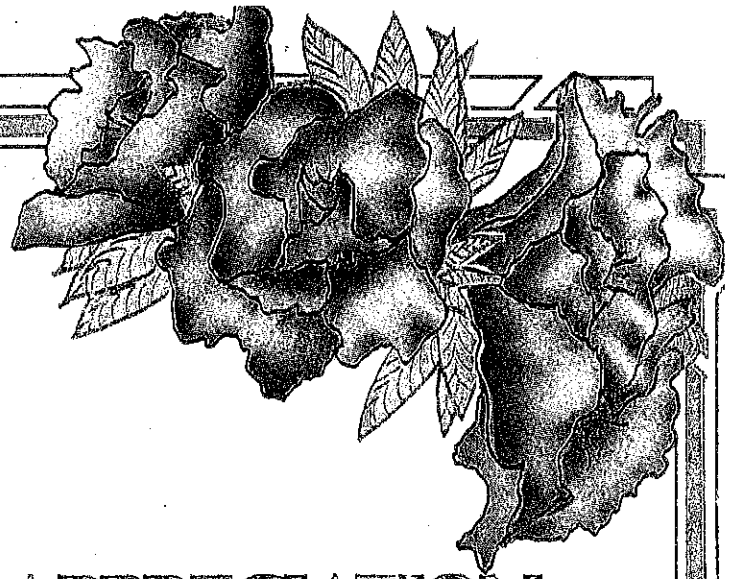
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Maria & Luis Vera

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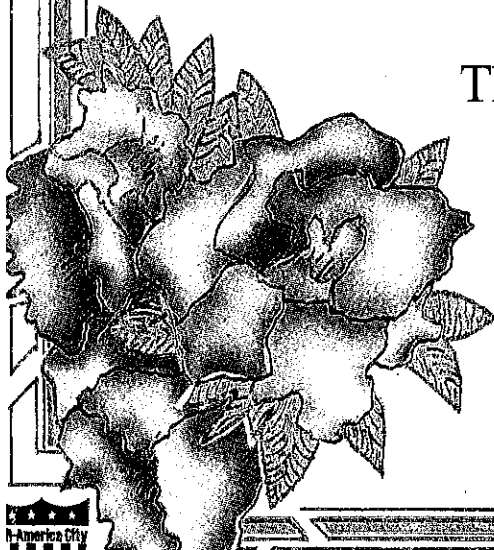
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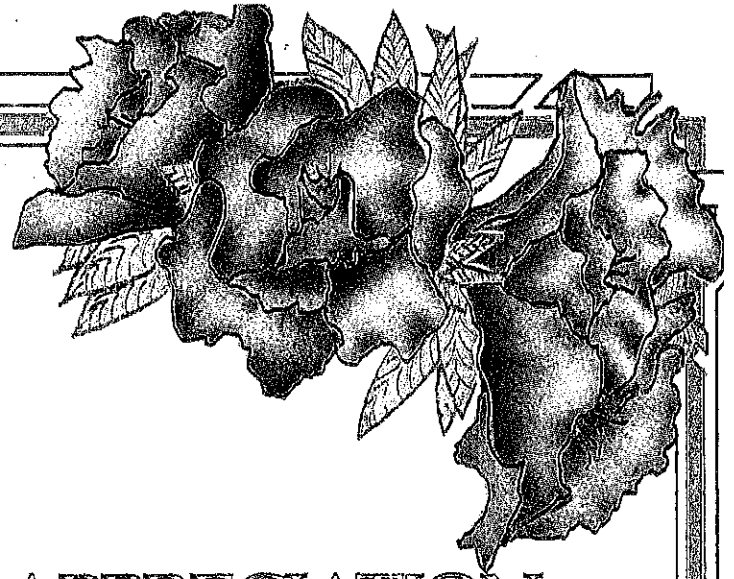
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Jose L. Agredano

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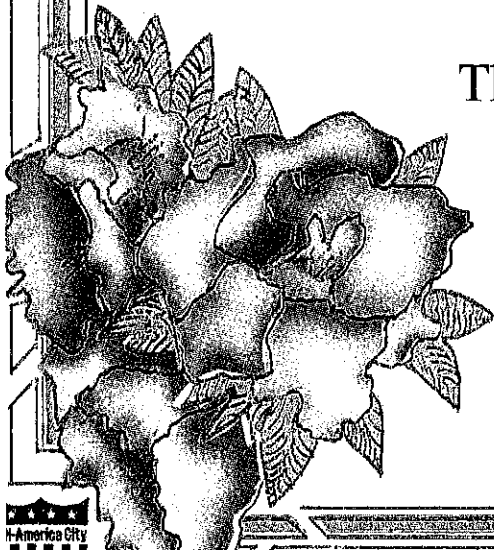
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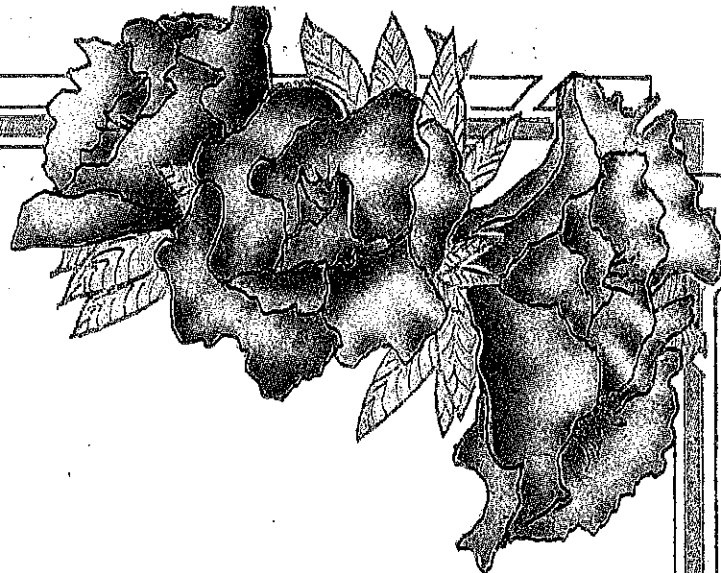
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Pedro M. Cervantes

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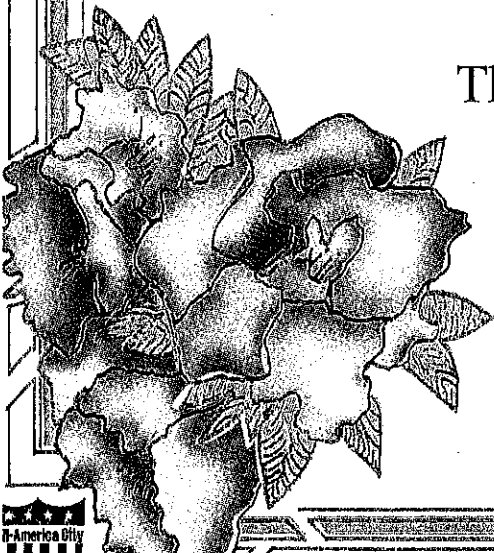
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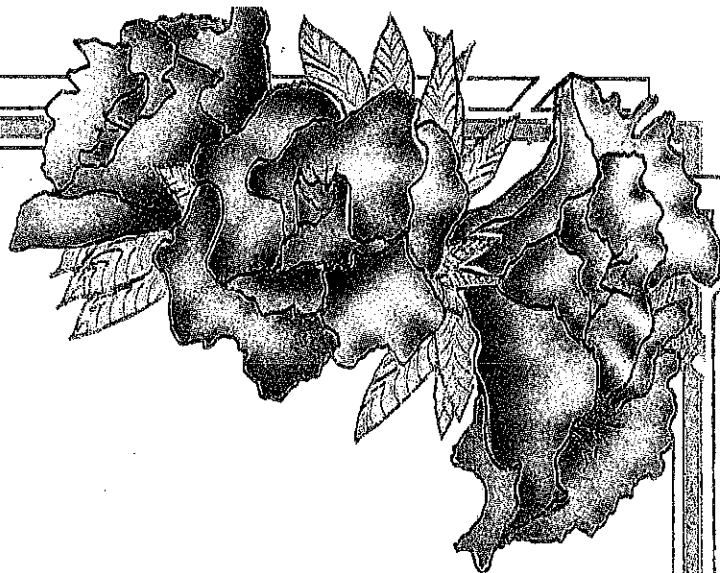
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Jorge Carillo

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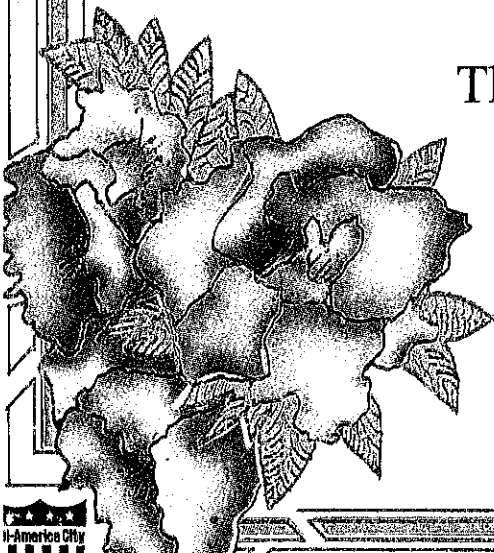
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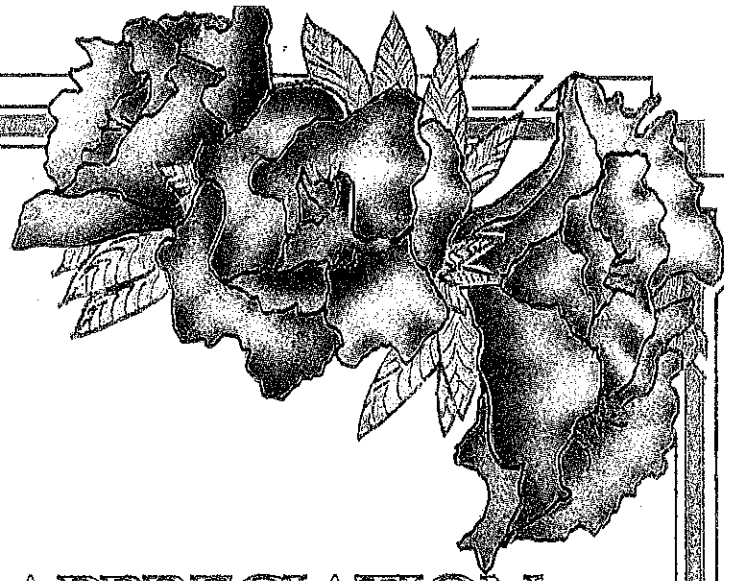
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Aglaee Mercado

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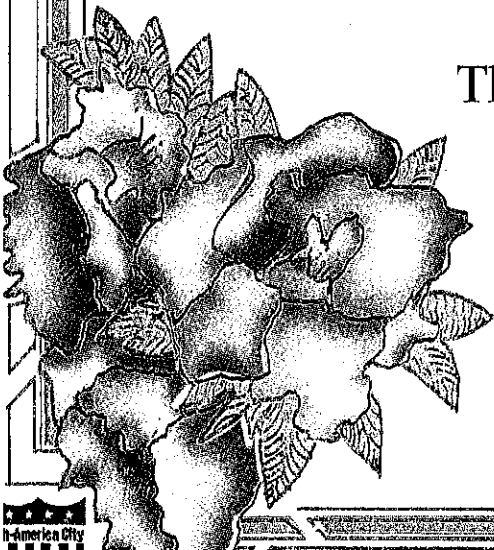
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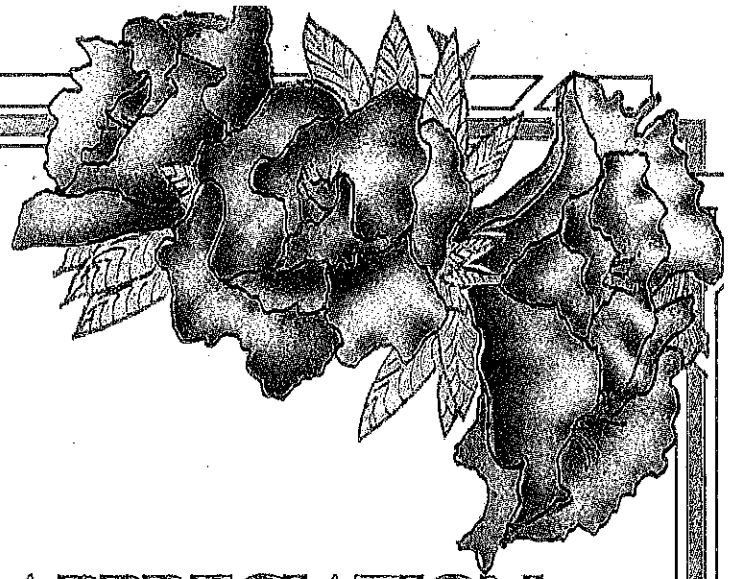
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Claudia Felix

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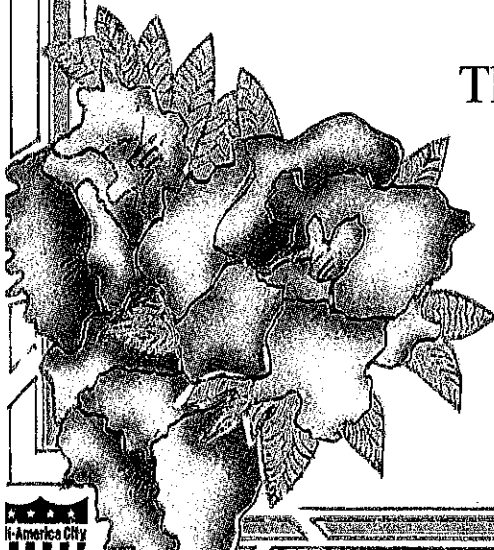
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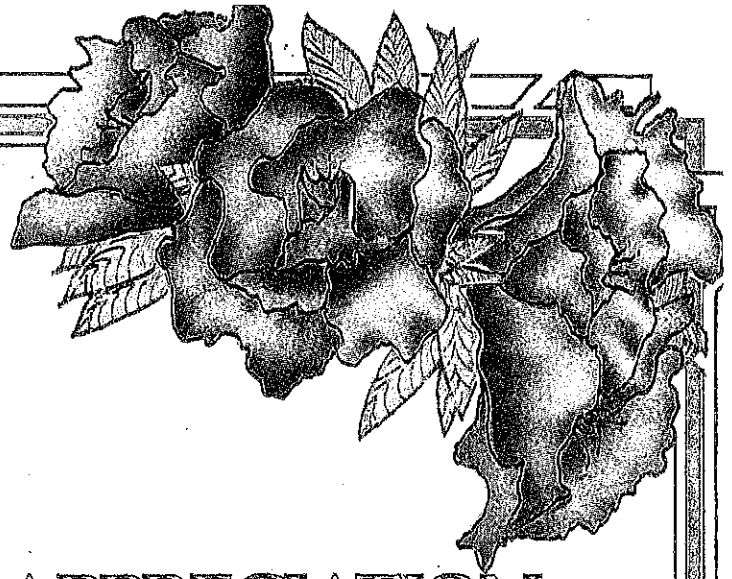
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Jose I. & Adriana Gradilla

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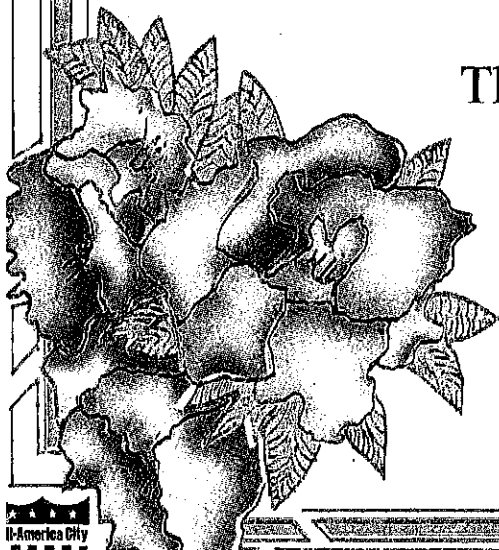
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AGENDA BILL

For the Special Meeting of: August 27, 2024Originating 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 JULY 2024****PURPOSE:** To introduce to the City Council the newly hired and promoted full-time employees in the month of July 2024.**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** The City Council will consider receiving and filing the list of new and promoted full-time employees hired or promoted during July 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 July 2024:

Employee	Title	Department	Division	Original Hire Date	Promo Date	Promoted From
Yesenia Hernandez	Assistant Planner	Community Development	Planning	07/08/24		
Steve Aragon	Senior Financial Analyst	Administrative Services	Finance	07/22/24		
Gerardo Vasquez	Water Quality & System Lead Operator	Public Works	Water	11/30/15	07/28/24	Water Pump Operator II
Brandon A. Romero	Police Officer	Police	Patrol	07/22/24		

ATTACHMENT: PowerPoint Presentation



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



Community Development



Yesenia Hernandez

Assistant Planner

Community Development

Hire Date: 7/08/024



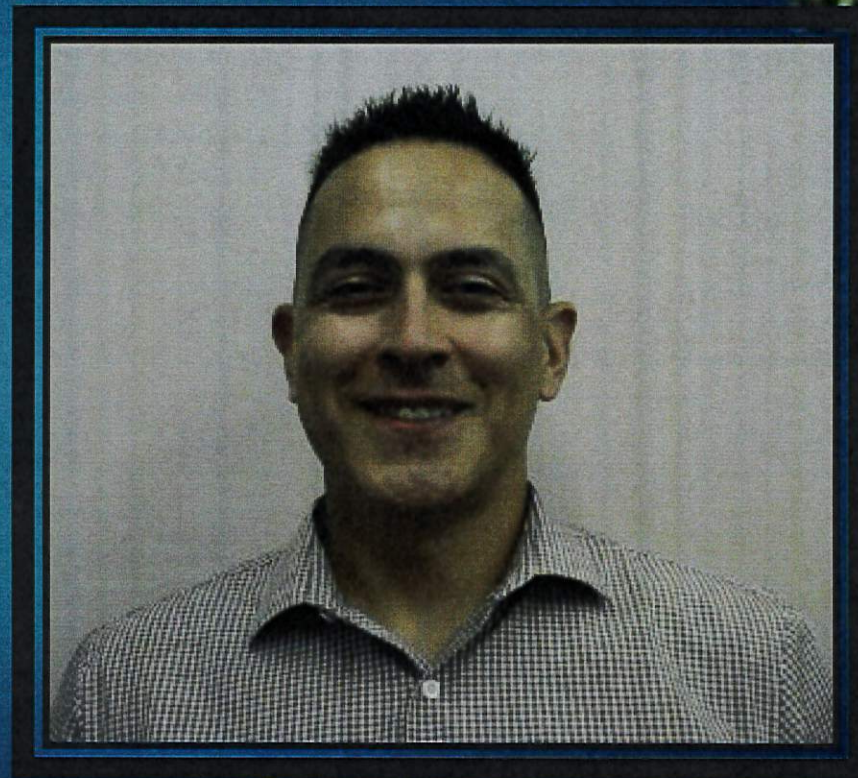


Administrative Services

Steve Aragon

Senior Financial Analyst
Administrative Services

Hire Date: 7/22/24



Public Works



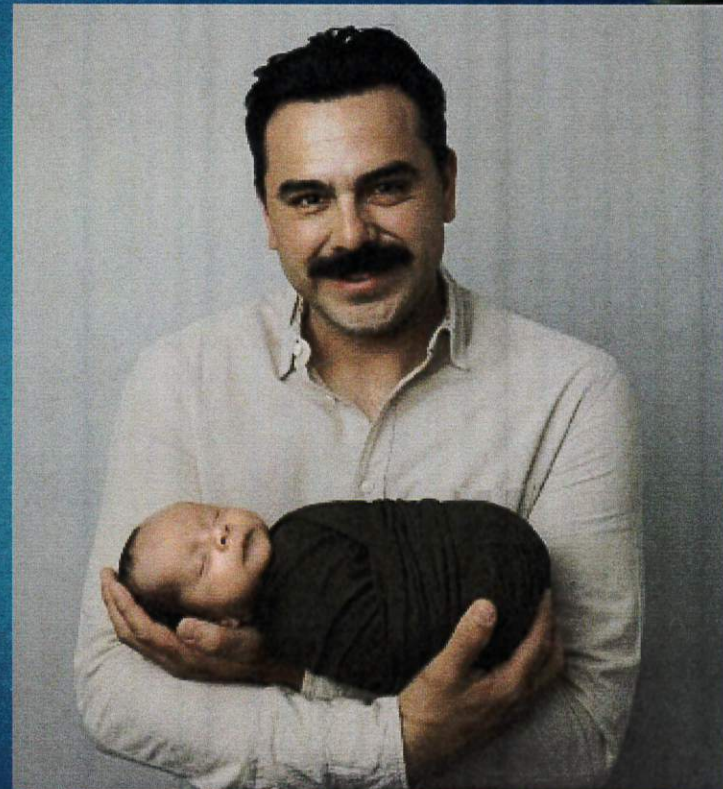
Gerardo Vasquez

Water Quality &
System Lead Operator

Public Works

Promotion Date: 7/28/24

Original Hire Date: 11/30/15



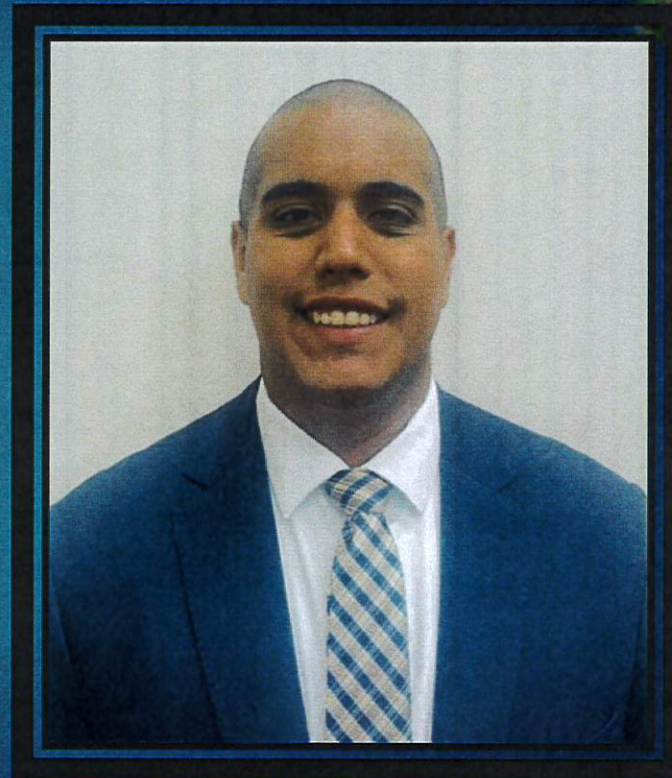
Police



Brandon A. Romero

Police Officer
Police

Hire Date: 7/22/24





Thank You

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rob Houston, City Manager

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

DATE: August 21, 2024

SUBJECT: **CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 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 August 27, 2024, 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. S. Alpizar GAL, D. Martinez v. City of South Gate
 - b. Yesenia Lopez Vargas v. City of South Gate; County of Los Angeles, et al.
 - c. Erick Arteaga v. City of South Gate (WCAB)

2. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Representation: City Manager
Rob Houston

Employee Organizations: SGPMMA
SGMEA

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