



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

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.

### **AMENDED**

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

**DIAL-IN-NUMBER: 1 (669) 900-6833  
MEETING ID: 850 2128 4132  
[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/85021284132](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85021284132)**

### **Call to Order/Roll Call**

**CALL TO ORDER:**  
teleconference)

Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor (Participating via

**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**

Maria Davila  
Joshua Barron  
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. Proclamation declaring March as American Red Cross Awareness Month**

The City Council will issue a Proclamation declaring the month of March 2023 , as American Red Cross Awareness Month. (CM)

Documents:

[Item 1 Report 02082023.pdf](#)

### **2. Proclamation declaring March as Women's History Month**

The City Council will issue a Proclamation the month of March 2023, as Women's History Month. (CM)

Documents:

[Item 2 Report 02282023.pdf](#)

### **3. Proclamation declaring March 6, 2023, as World Lymphedema Day**

The City Council will issue a Proclamation declaring day March 6, 2023, as World

Lymphedema Day. (CM)

Documents:

[Item 3 Report 02282023.pdf](#)

#### **4. Proclamation declaring February as National Cancer Prevention Month**

The City Council will issue a Proclamation declaring the month of February 2023, as National Cancer Prevention Month. (CM)

Documents:

[Item 4 Report 02282023.pdf](#)

#### **5. Proclamation declaring February 27 – March 5, 2023, as National Eating Disorder Awareness Week**

The City Council will issue a Proclamation declaring February 27 - March 5, 2023, as National Eating Disorder Awareness Week. (CM)

Documents:

[Item 5 Report 02282023.pdf](#)

#### **6. Certificate of Appreciation for Ted Noudis**

The City Council will issue a Certificate of Appreciation to Ted Noudis in recognition of 52 years as a South Gate resident and continuous support of the South Gate Police Department and the Baker to Vegas Relay Team. (CM)

Documents:

[Item 6 Report 02282023.pdf](#)

#### **7. Introduction of New and Promoted Full-time Employees Hired in the Month of January 2023**

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

Documents:

[Item 7 Report 02282023.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. NR Development Inc., v. City of South Gate

b. Eva Valdovinos v. City of South Gate, et al.

Documents:

[Special Meeting of 02282023.pdf](#)

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

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

a. City Manager

### **Special Meeting Adjournment**

I, Yodit Glaze, City Clerk, certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Meeting Agenda was posted on February 23, 2023, at 3:30 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



From the Honorable  
**Mayor**

## P R O C L A M A T I O N

*Declaring*

### **American Red Cross Awareness Month March 2023**

**WHEREAS,** American Red Cross Awareness Month is a month-long observance recognizing the American Red Cross as a true reflection of the humanitarian and volunteer spirit;

**WHEREAS,** since 1917, The American Red Cross has served the Greater Long Beach Chapter, and Rio Hondo and South Bay Areas providing disaster relief and assistance to families by providing shelter, food emotional support, and other necessities;

**WHEREAS,** since 1941, the American Red Cross has provided lifesaving blood supplies for patients in need;

**WHEREAS,** the American Red Cross provides family support to active-duty members of the military and reconnects families worldwide that have been separated by war or armed conflict; and

**WHEREAS,** the American Red Cross trains individuals in CPR, First Aid, aquatics, babysitting and water safety courses.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it proclaimed on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023, that **I, Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor of the City of South Gate**, on behalf of the City Council and citizens, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2023 as American Red Cross Awareness Month in the City of South Gate and ask all community members to join me in celebrating the countless contributions of African Americans to our community, nation, and the world.

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Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor



# City of South Gate



From the Honorable  
**Mayor**

## P R O C L A M A T I O N

*Declaring*

### **Women's History Month March 2023**

**WHEREAS,** in 1987, Congress established Women's History month to celebrate the contributions American women had made to strengthen and lead the nation since its inception;

**WHEREAS,** Women's History Month encourages us to recognize the unsung, under-represented roles women have played in the formation of our country both in the past and present;

**WHEREAS,** Women's History Month honors women of every race, status, and ethnicity who have challenged the status quo;

**WHEREAS,** Women's History Month shines light on women who made incredible sacrifices and displayed extraordinary courage and tenacity to procure equitable labor and social opportunities for future generations;

**WHEREAS,** American women have been leaders not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity but also as the forefront of every major generation to enjoy the unalienable rights, duties and responsibilities afforded equally to all citizens of the United State of America; and

**WHEREAS,** each woman is extraordinary in her own way, proving that women working inside the home, or outside in academia, science, technology, business, labor, governance and more maintain a critical role in every sphere of society.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it proclaimed on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023, that **I, Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor of the City of South Gate,** on behalf of the City Council and citizens, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2023 as Women's History Month in the City of South Gate and ask all community members to join me in celebrating the countless contributions of African Americans to our community, nation, and the world.

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**Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor**

# City of South Gate

From the Honorable  
Mayor



## PROCLAMATION

*Declaring*

### **World Lymphedema Day March 6, 2023**

**WHEREAS,** in 2016, the United States Senate declared World Lymphedema Day on March 6th and since then, it has been recognized worldwide;

**WHEREAS,** the common symptoms of Lymphedema include heaviness and discomfort typically visible through swelling of limbs due to excessive fluid buildup, decreased range of motion, recurrent skin infections, ulcers, as well as psychological effects including depression, anxiety, and negative body image;

**WHEREAS,** Lymphedema is a disease that has affected over 250 million people worldwide leaving 40 million disfigured or incapacitated; this disease can be caused by genetics, as a result of cancer treatment or physical trauma to the lymphatic system;

**WHEREAS,** Cancer survivors are most susceptible to this condition, up to 30% of women who survive breast cancer will get this debilitating disease as well as prostate and ovarian cancer patients;

**WHEREAS,** Veterans most commonly suffer from Lymphedema because of battle injury or trauma from surgery, and in some cases, even children can be born with this disease; and

**WHEREAS,** although there is no cure for Lymphedema, drinking plenty of water, exercising regularly, eating healthy, and seeking compression treatments and physical therapy to help reduce the swelling and discomfort are recommended.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it proclaimed on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023, that **I, Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor of the City of South Gate**, on behalf of the City Council and citizens, do hereby proclaim March 6, 2023 as World Lymphedema Day in the City of South Gate and ask all community members to join me in celebrating the countless contributions of African Americans to our community, nation, and the world.

**Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor**



# City of South Gate



From the Honorable  
**Mayor**

## PROCLAMATION

*Declaring*

### **National Cancer Prevention Month February 2023**

**WHEREAS,** research has shown that more than 40 percent of all cancers diagnosed and nearly half of all deaths from cancer in the United States can be attributed to preventable causes – things like smoking, excess body weight, physical inactivity, and excessive exposure to the sun;

**WHEREAS,** as a result, steps such as quitting smoking (or never starting in the first place), maintaining a healthy weight, exercising regularly, protecting your skin from the sun, and getting vaccinated against the pathogens that cause certain cancers can dramatically reduce your risk of certain cancers;

**WHEREAS,** in the United States, many of the greatest reductions in cancer morbidity and mortality have been achieved through the implementation of effective public education and policy initiatives;

**WHEREAS,** such initiatives drove down cigarette smoking rates among U.S. adults by greater than twofold from 1965 to 2017. But three out of 10 cancer deaths are still caused by cigarette smoking, and lung cancer is still the leading cause of cancer-related deaths for both men;

**WHEREAS,** it remains imperative that we identify strategies to enhance the dissemination and implementation of our current knowledge of cancer prevention; and

**WHEREAS,** because the burden of preventable cancer risk factors is not shared equally—and that burden is higher among racial and ethnic minorities and other underserved people—it is imperative to implement effective evidence-based practices that reduce risky behaviors for everyone.

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Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor

# City of South Gate



From the Honorable  
**Mayor**

## PROCLAMATION

*Declaring*

### **National Eating Disorder Awareness Week February 27 - March 5, 2023**

**WHEREAS,** Eating Disorders Awareness Week is an annual campaign to educate the public about the realities of eating disorders and to provide hope, support, and visibility to individuals and families affected by eating disorders;

**WHEREAS,** this Eating Disorders Awareness Week, we celebrate *Strength through Experience and Knowledge* by recognizing that *It's Time for Change* alongside other mission aligned organizations;

**WHEREAS,** Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2023 is an opportunity to center on lived experiences and eating disorder education, which are essential catalysts for awareness and change;

**WHEREAS,** Eating Disorders Awareness Week is a collective effort of individuals from every walk of life: folks with lived experience, family members, and friends; students, educators, and coaches; professionals, health care providers, and organizations committed to raising awareness of eating disorders; and

**WHEREAS,** each year cities and landmark buildings across the country show their support for our community through an annual lighting campaign in honor of EDAW. The Lighting Campaign helps us bring greater recognition to eating disorders and it also serves as a beacon of light, hope, connection, and community for individuals and families affected by these serious illnesses.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it proclaimed on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023, that I, **Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor of the City of South Gate**, on behalf of the City Council and citizens, do hereby proclaim the week of February 27 – March 5, 2023 as National Eating Disorder Awareness Week in the City of South Gate and ask all community members to join me in celebrating the countless contributions of African Americans to our community, nation, and the world.

**Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor**



# City of South Gate



## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

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

*Ted Noudis*

In recognition of your 52 years as a South Gate resident  
and your continuous support of the South Gate Police  
Department and the Baker to Vegas Relay Team.

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Maria del Pilar Avalos, Mayor

February 28, 2023

*The Azalea City*





CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

FEB 14 2023

# City of South Gate

## CITY COUNCIL


# AGENDA BILL

For the ~~Regular~~ <sup>Special</sup> Meeting of: February 28, 2023  
 Originating Department: Human Resources

Human Resources Director:

  
 John Hamilton

City Manager:

  
 Chris Jeffers

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

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

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

Employee	Title	Department	Division	Original Hire Date	Promo Date	Promoted From
Fabiola Salceda	Housing Specialist	Community Development	Housing	01/03/23		
Johanna Placencia	Code Enforcement Officer	Community Development	Code Enforcement	01/02/11	01/03/23	Community Services Officer
Tina Fierro	Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation	Parks & Recreation	Administration	01/09/23		
Raul Rodriguez	Senior Financial Analyst	Administrative Services	Finance	01/09/23		

**ATTACHMENT:** PowerPoint Presentation





City of  
**South Gate**



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







# Community Development



Fabiola Salceda

Housing Specialist

Community Development

Hire Date: 1/03/23





# Johanna Placencia

Code Enforcement Officer

Community Development

Promotion Date: 1/03/23

Original Hire Date: 1/02/11







# Parks & Recreation



Tina Fierro

Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation

Parks & Recreation

Hire Date: 01/09/23



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# Administrative Services



Raul Rodriguez  
Senior Financial Analyst  
Administrative Services  
Hire Date: 1/09/23





# Thank You


# **MEMORANDUM**

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

FEB 22 2023

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**TO:** Chris Jeffers, City Manager

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

**DATE:** February 22, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 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 February 28, 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. NR Development Inc., v. City of South Gate
  - b. Eva Valdovinos v. City of South Gate, 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.