



SPECIAL SOUTH GATE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SOUTH GATE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

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

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City Officials

MAYOR , Maria Davila	CITY CLERK , Yodit Glaze
VICE MAYOR , Joshua Barron	CITY TREASURER , Jose De La Paz
COUNCIL MEMBER , Maria del Pilar Avalos	CITY MANAGER , Rob Houston
COUNCIL MEMBER , Gil Hurtado	CITY ATTORNEY , Raúl F. Salinas
COUNCIL MEMBER , Al Rios	

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1. VIEW THE MEETING LIVE ONLINE AT: <https://youtube.com/@SouthGateCA90280>

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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 prelude 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.

Emails for public comment received prior to 12pm on the day of the Council Meeting will be summarized by the City Clerk, not read in its entirety. A copy of the email will be provided to the City Council and will also be available at the City Clerk's Office for public review. A copy of each email will be recorded for public record and noted on the official minutes of tonight's meeting.

Call to Order/Roll Call

CALL TO ORDER:	Maria Davila, Mayor
ROLL CALL:	Yodit Glaze, City Clerk

Open Session

1. Proclamation declaring the month of April 2025 as National DMV/Donate Life

The City Council will issue a Proclamation declaring the month of April 2025, as DMV/Donate Life Month. (CLERK)

Documents:

[Item 1 Report 04082025.pdf](#)

2. Proclamation declaring Autism Awareness Month 2025

The City Council will issue a Proclamation declaring the month of April 2025, as Autism Awareness month. (PD)

Documents:

[Item 2 Report 04082025.pdf](#)

3. Proclamation declaring April 13-19, 2025 as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week

The City Council will issue a Proclamation declaring the month of April 13-19, 2025, as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week. (PD)

Documents:

[Item 3 Report 04082025.pdf](#)

4. Proclamation declaring the month of April 2025 as Fair Housing Month

The City will issue a Proclamation declaring the month of April 2025, as Fair Housing Month. (CD)

Documents:

[Item 4 Report 04082025.pdf](#)

Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION

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

- a. Erick Arteaga v. City of South Gate, et al.
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Documents:

[Closed Session Memorandum 04082025.pdf](#)

2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Representation: Rob Houston, City Manager

Unrepresented Employees: Top Management/Department Directors

Hourly Employees

Employee Organizations: SGMEA, SGPMMA, SGDMA, SGPMA, SGPOA

Adjournment

I, Yodit Glaze, City Clerk, certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Meeting Agenda was posted on April 3, 2025, at 10:20 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.

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.

City of South Gate



From the Honorable
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

Declaration
DMV/Donate Life Month
April 2025

- WHEREAS,** *organ, eye, tissue, marrow, and blood donation are life-giving acts recognized worldwide as expressions of compassion to those in need;*
- WHEREAS,** *more than 114,000 individuals nationwide and more than 22,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant waiting list, and on average, 17 people die each day while waiting;*
- WHEREAS,** *the need for donated organs is especially urgent in Hispanic, Latino, and African American communities;*
- WHEREAS,** *a single individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine can save up to eight lives;*
- WHEREAS,** *donation of tissue can save and heal the lives of more than 98 others;*
- WHEREAS,** *organ donors saved more than 45,000 lives last year in California;*
- WHEREAS,** *any person can register to be an organ, eye and tissue donor regardless of age or medical conditions;*
- WHEREAS,** *being a registered donor does not impact the quality of life-saving medical care a person receives in an emergency;*
- WHEREAS,** *California residents can sign up with the Donate Life California Donor Registry online at any time by visiting www.donateLIFECalifornia.org or, for Spanish-speakers, www.doneVIDACalifornia.org*
- WHEREAS,** *California residents can sign up to be an organ, eye and tissue donor when applying for or renewing their driver's licenses or ID cards at the California Department of Motor Vehicles;*
- WHEREAS,** *California residents interested in saving a life through living kidney donation may visit www.LivingDonationCalifornia.org;*

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed on this 8th day of April 2025, that I, Maria Davila, Mayor of the City of South Gate, on behalf of the City Council and citizens of South Gate, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025, as DMV/Donate Life Month in the City of South Gate and encourage everyone to check "YES!" online, or when applying for or renewing their Driver's License or Identification Card at the DMV.

Maria Davila, Mayor

City of South Gate



From the Honorable
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

*Declaring
Autism Awareness Month
April 2025*

- 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 2025 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 8th day of April 2025, that I, **Maria Davila, Mayor of the City of South Gate**, on behalf of the City Council and citizens, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 as Autism Awareness Month, and encourage residents to become aware of Autism indicators, seek early intervention and support those living with Autism.

Maria Davila, Mayor

City of South Gate



From the Honorable
Mayor

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

*Declaring
National Public Safety
Telecommunicator's Week
April 13 - 19, 2025*

- 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;*
- 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 8th day of April 2025, that I, **Maria Davila, Mayor of the City of South Gate**, on behalf of the City Council and the citizens, do hereby declare the week of April 13 through 19, 2025 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.

Maria Davila, Mayor

City of South Gate



From the Honorable
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

*Declaring
Fair Housing Month
April 2025*

- WHEREAS,** *one of the greatest freedoms enjoyed by Americans is the freedom to live in a home of one's choice;*
- WHEREAS,** *this promise made to us by the Nation's Fair Housing Law which requires that all people be treated equally in connection with sale or rental of housing, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, age, familial status or religion;*
- WHEREAS,** *this year marks the 57th anniversary of the Federal Fair Housing Act, the original legislation targeting the elimination of housing discrimination in America;*
- WHEREAS,** *since the adoption of the fair housing legislation in April 1968, April has been designated Fair Housing Month during which each year the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Fair Housing Foundation organize events and activities to focus attention on the issue of equal opportunity in housing; and*
- WHEREAS,** *during the month of April and in celebration of Fair Housing Month, each resident of the City of South Gate is beseeched to support efforts to put into practice the principles of freedom, justice and equality upon which this great nation was founded.*

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed on this 8th day of April 2025, that **I, Maria Davila, Mayor of the City of South Gate**, on behalf of the City Council and the citizens, do hereby declare the month of April as Fair Housing Month and encourage all residents to support fair housing laws and focus attention on the issue of equal opportunity for housing.

Maria Davila, Mayor

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Rob Houston, City Manager

FROM: Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney *RS (23)*

DATE: April 2, 2025

SUBJECT: **CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2025**

The following items should be listed on the Closed Session Agenda for the Special City Council Meeting of the City of South Gate on April 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.:

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