



**SPECIAL SOUTH GATE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL SOUTH GATE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

AMENDED

**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. Certificates of Appreciation to the participants of the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay

The City Council will present Certificates of Appreciation to the participants of the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. (PD)

Documents:

[Item 1 Report 04222025.pdf](#)

2. Certificate of Appreciation to Detective John Affeld for his 50 years of dedicated service to the City of South Gate

The City Council will present a Certificate of Appreciation to Detective John Affeld for his 50 years of dedicated service to the City of South Gate. (PD)

Documents:

[Item 2 Report 04222025.pdf](#)

3. Proclamation declaring the month of May as Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Month

The City Council will issue a Proclamation declaring May 2025, as Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Month. (PARKS)

Documents:

[Item 3 Report 04222025.pdf](#)

4. Proclamation declaring April 26, 2025 as the 20th Annual Earth Day Celebration

The City Council will issue a Proclamation declaring April 26, 2025, as the 20th Annual Earth Day Celebration. (PW)

Documents:

[Item 4 Report 04222025.pdf](#)

5. Introduction of new and promoted employees in the month of March 2025

The City Council will consider receiving and filing the list of new and promoted full-time employees hired or promoted during March 2025. (HR)

Documents:

[Item 5 Report 04222025.pdf](#)

Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PENDING LITIGATION

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

- a. *City of South Gate v. 3M Company et al.*,
Case Number 2:22-cv-3340-RMG,MDL No. 2873
- b. Maria Palencia v. City of South Gate, et al.

Documents:

[Closed Session Memorandum 04222025.pdf](#)

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c)

One (1) - Potential Case

3. 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 17, 2025, at 4:25 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.

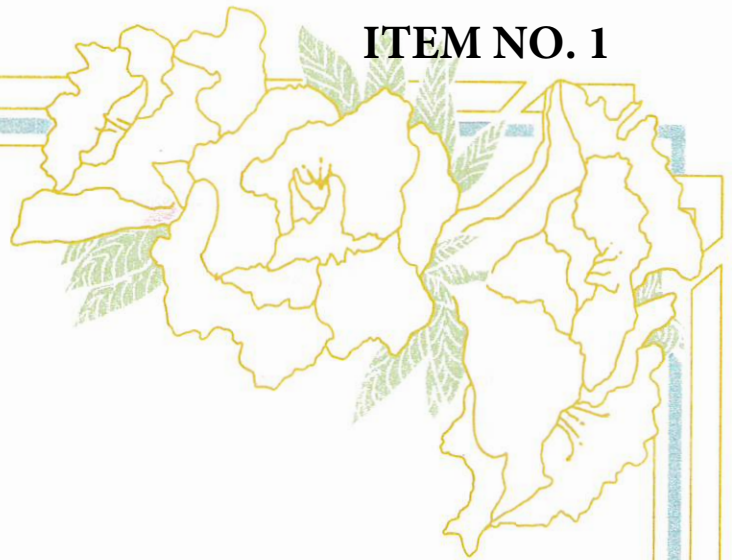
STAFF REPORTS

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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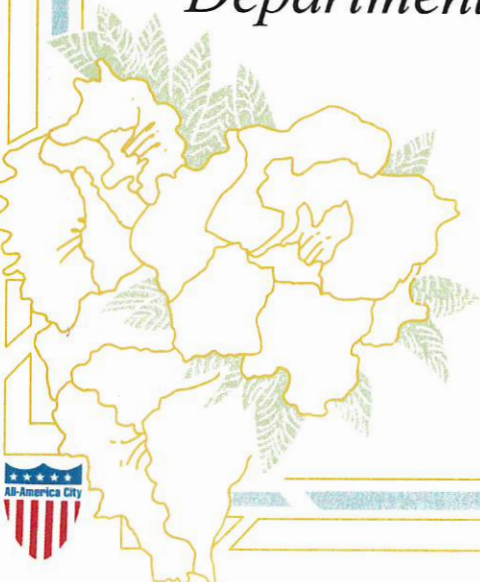
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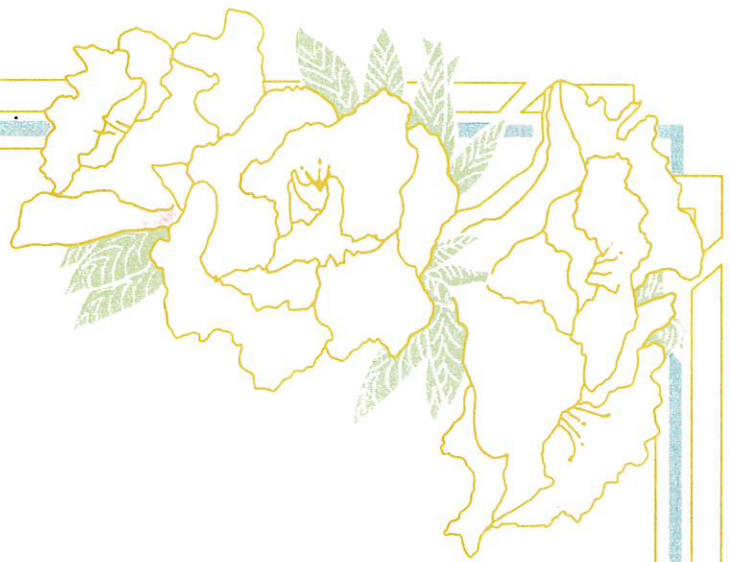
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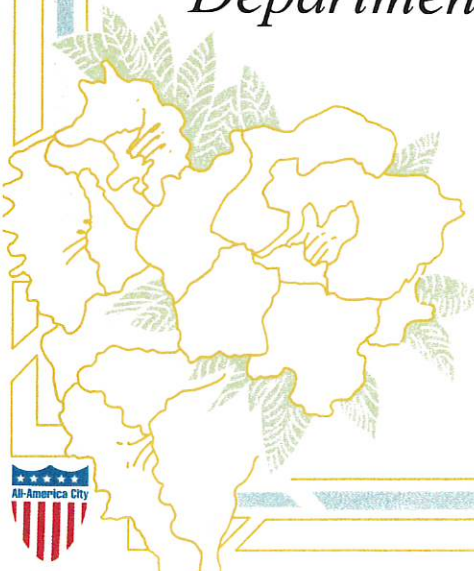
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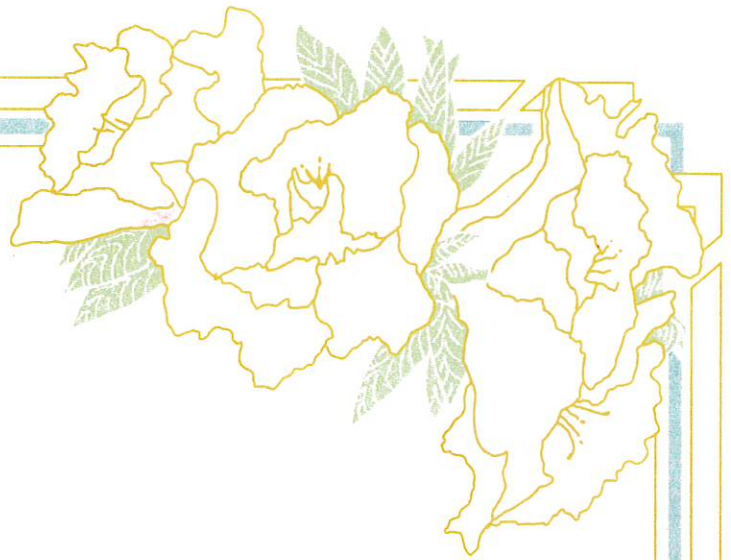
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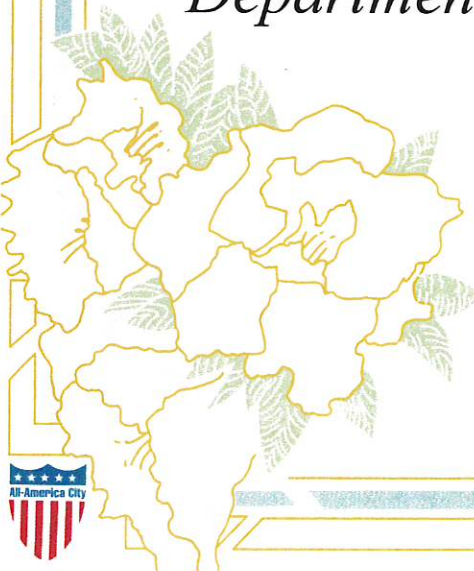
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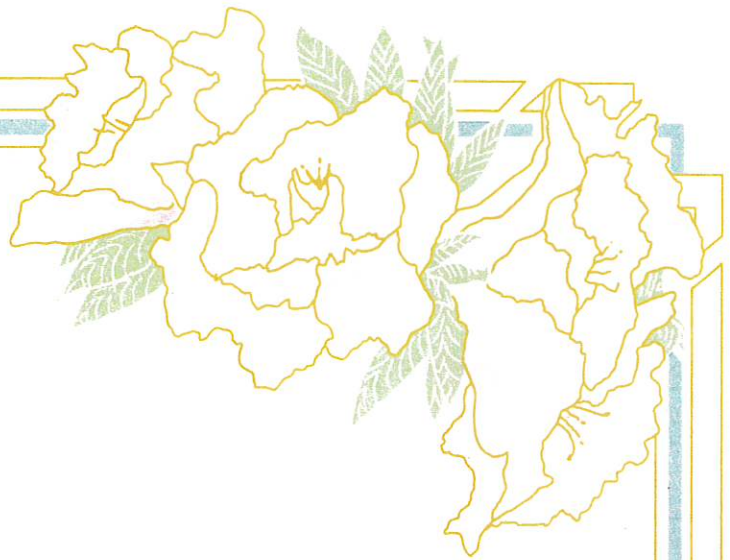
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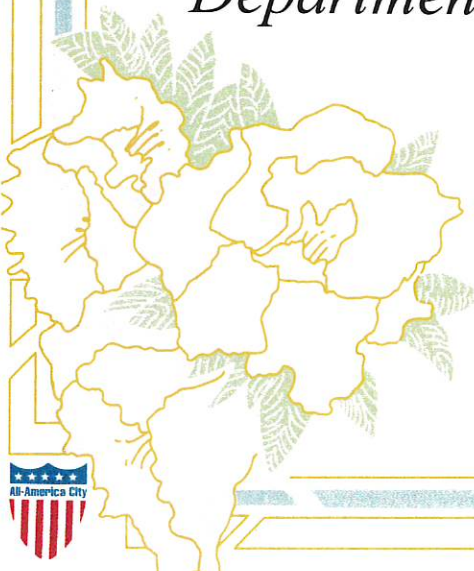
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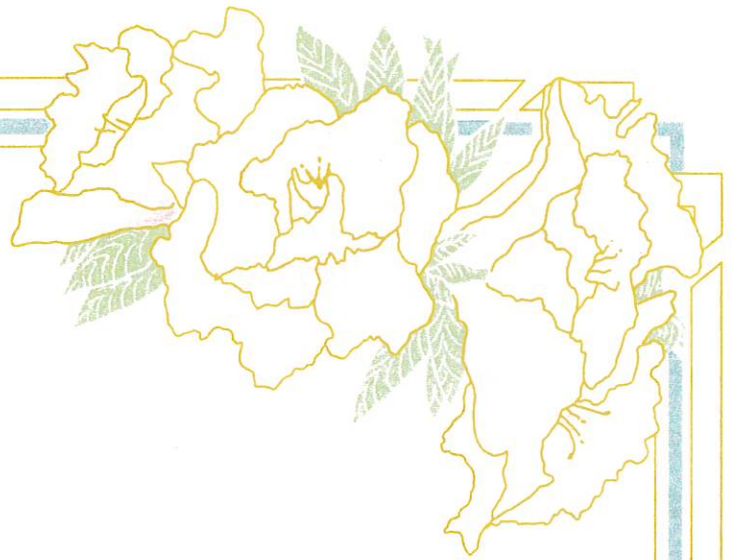
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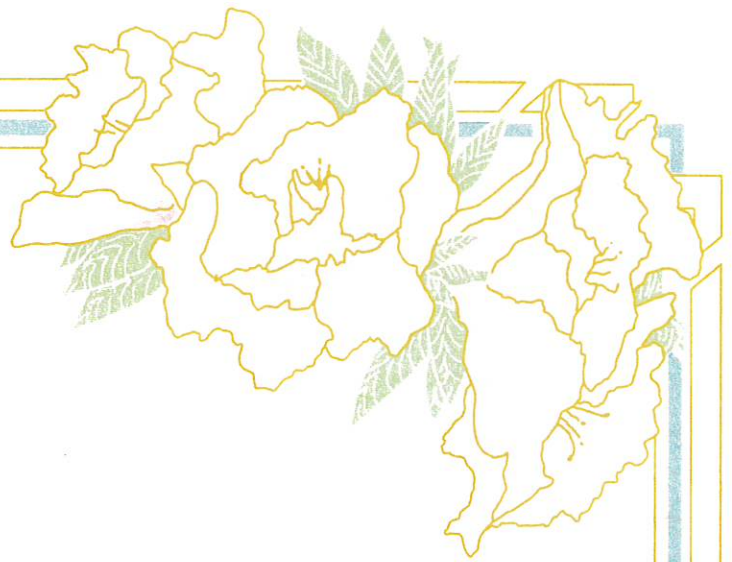
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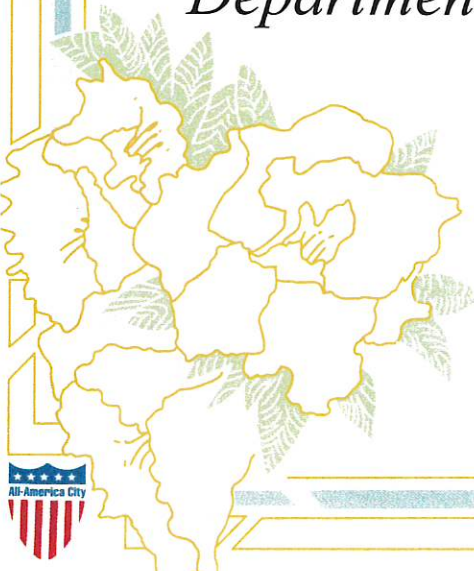
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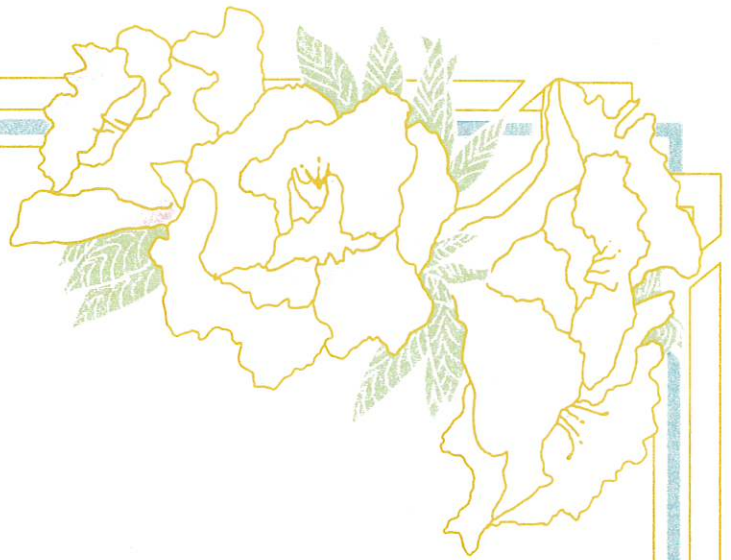
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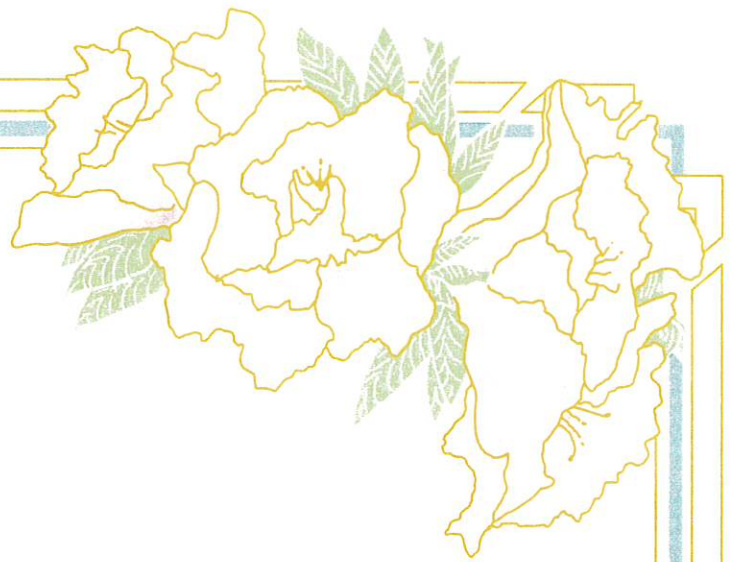
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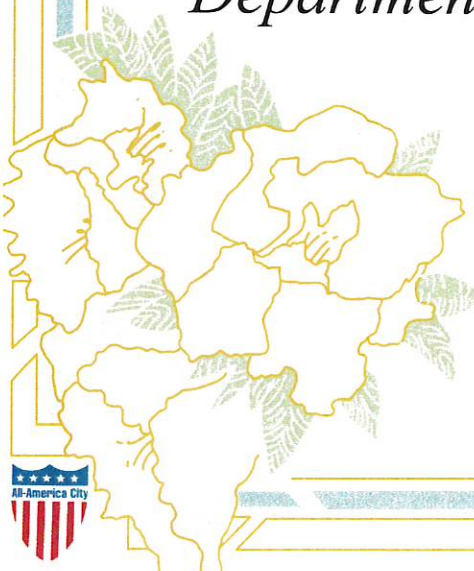
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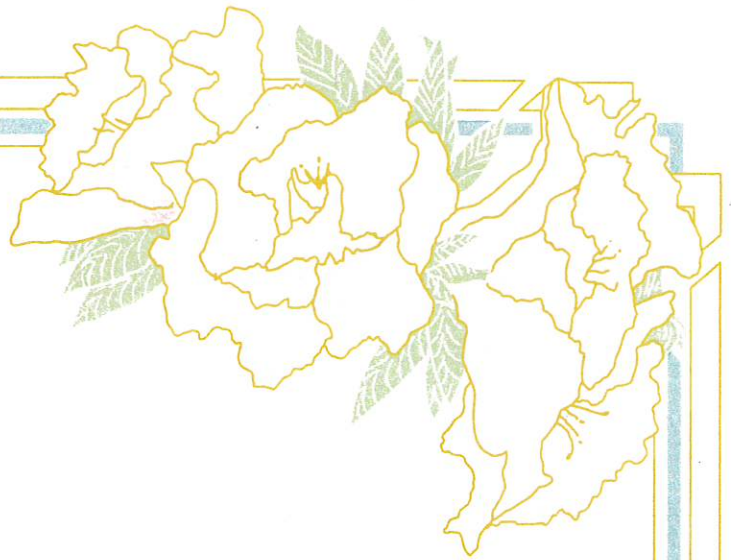
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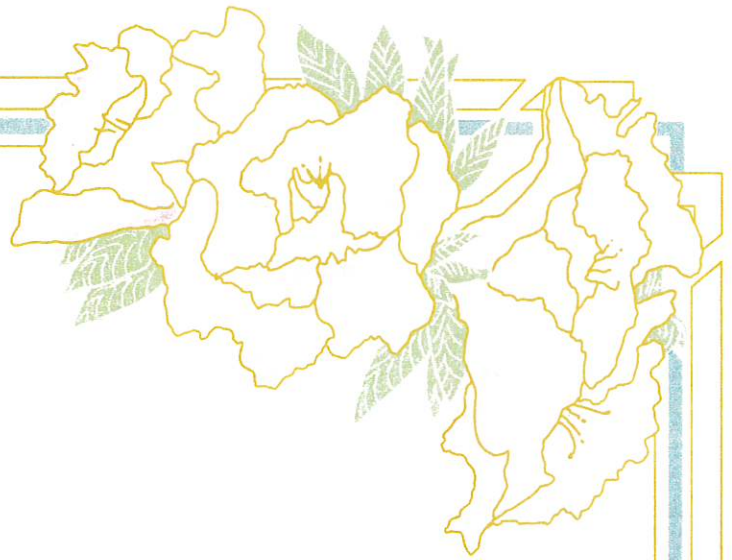
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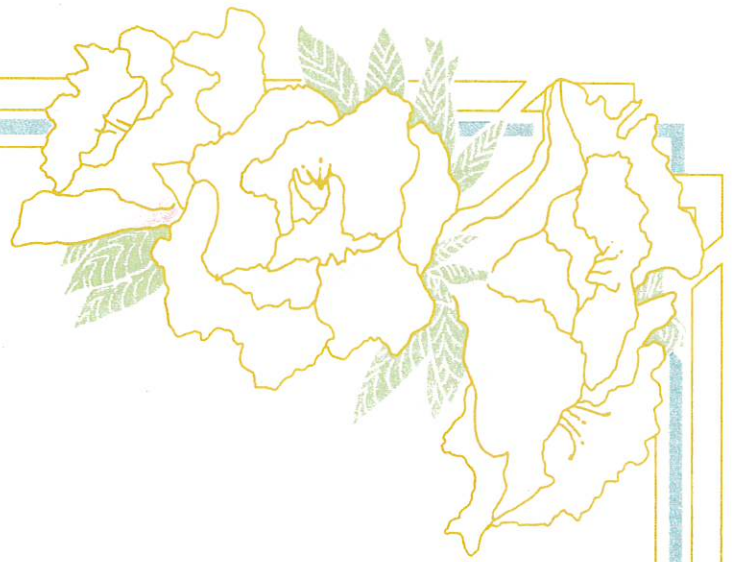
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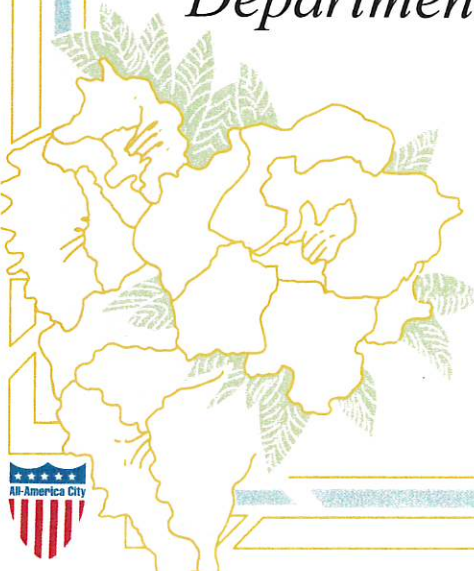
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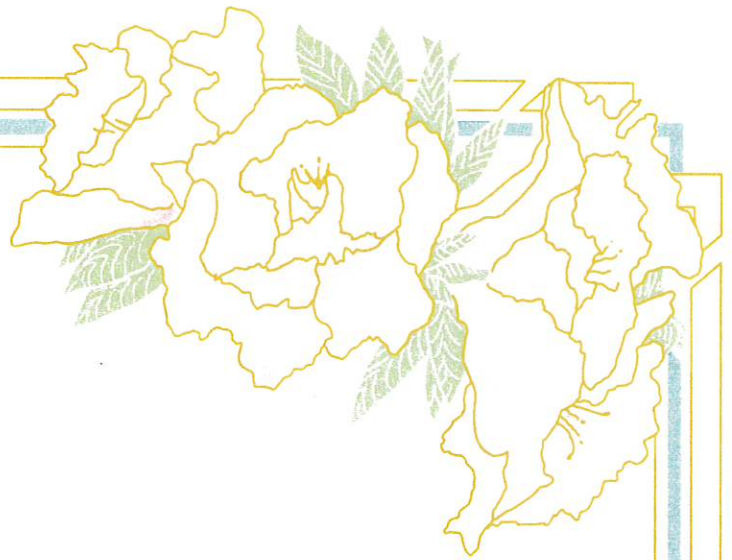
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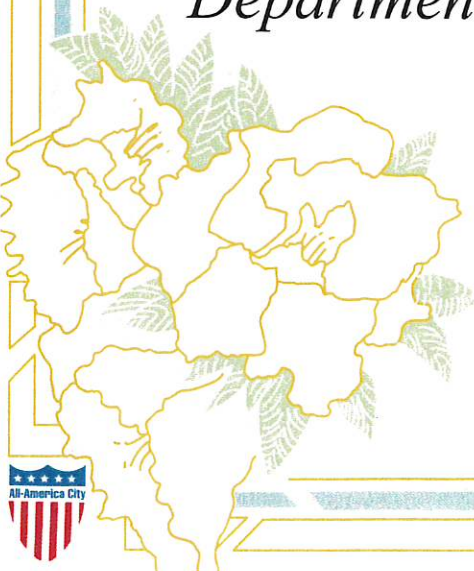
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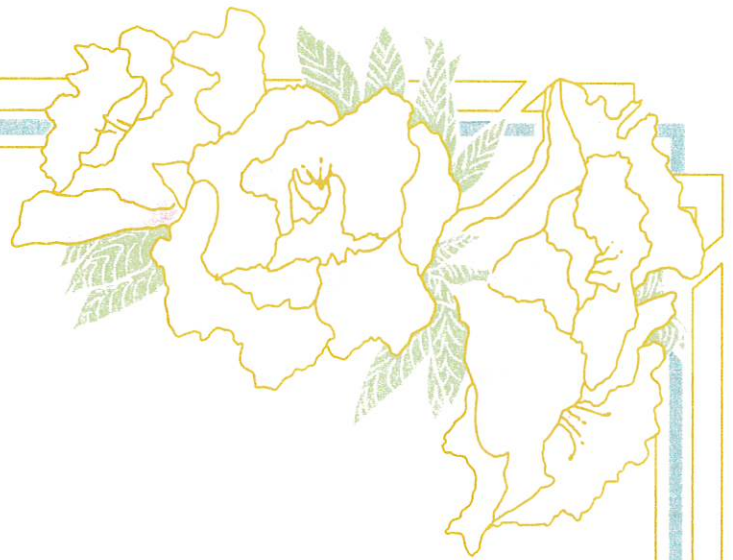
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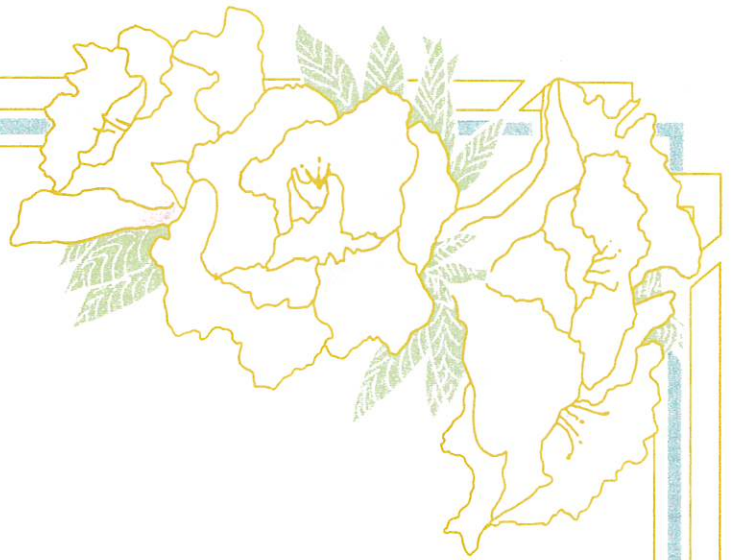
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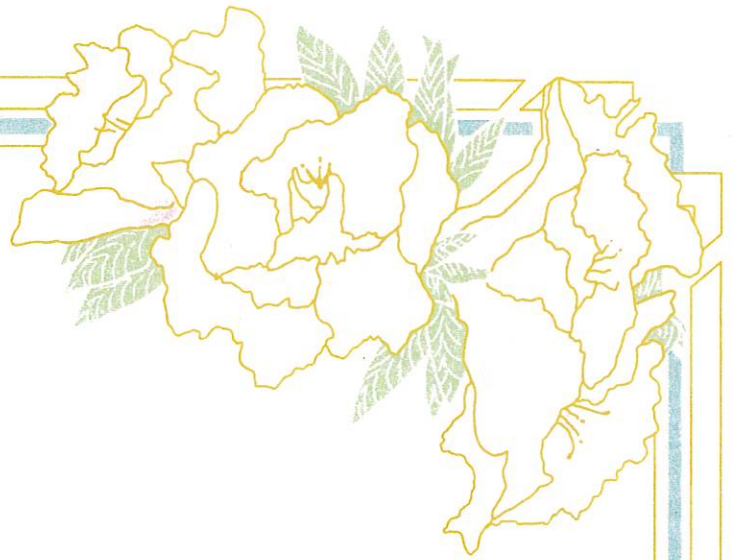
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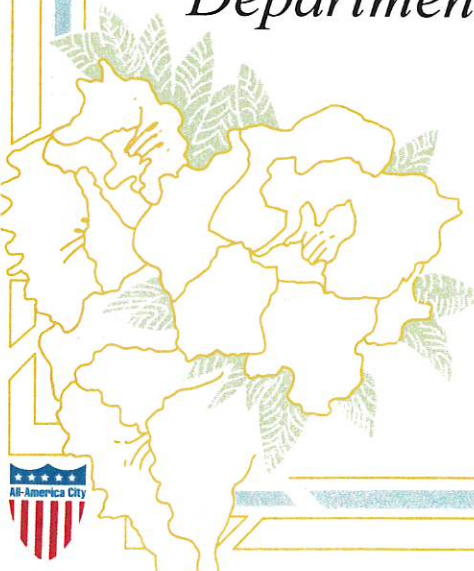
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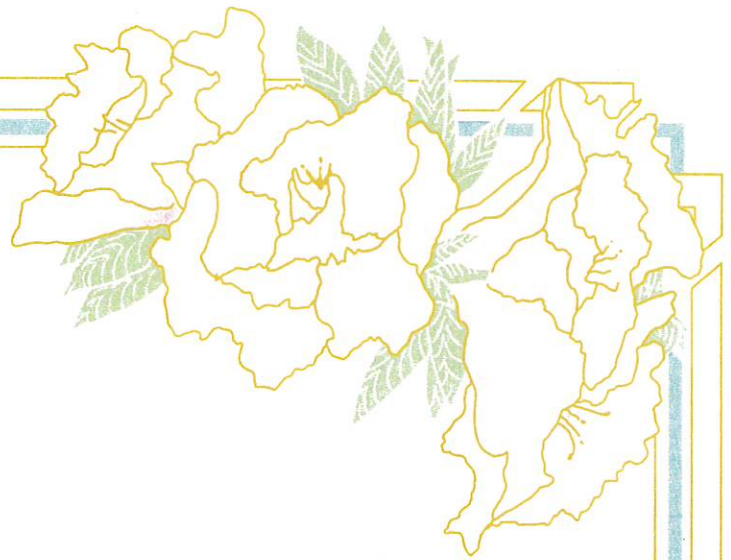
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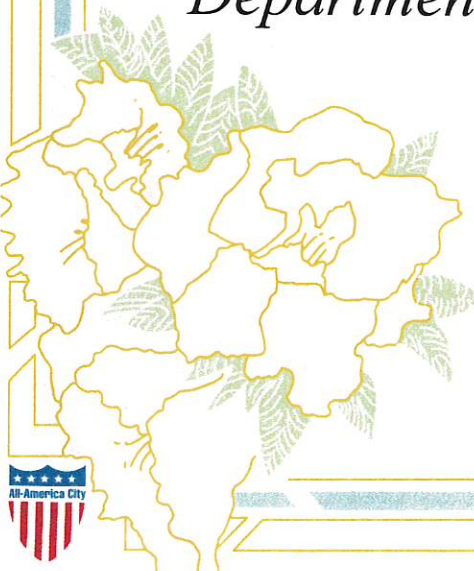
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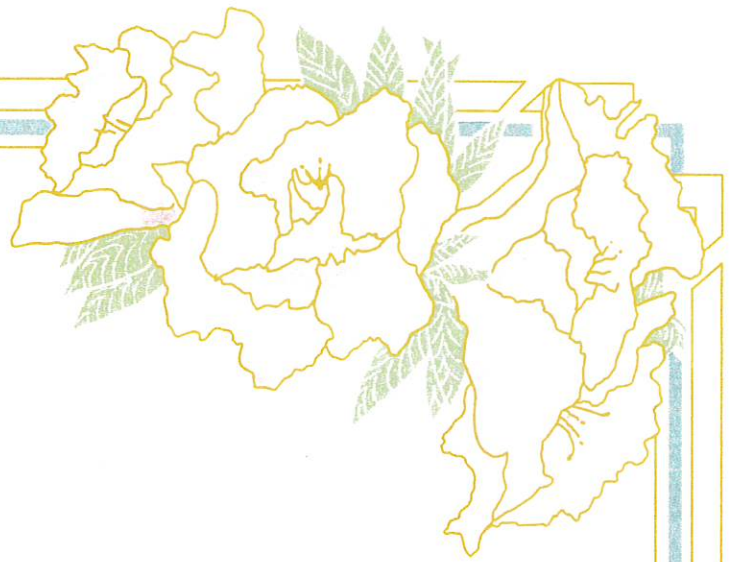
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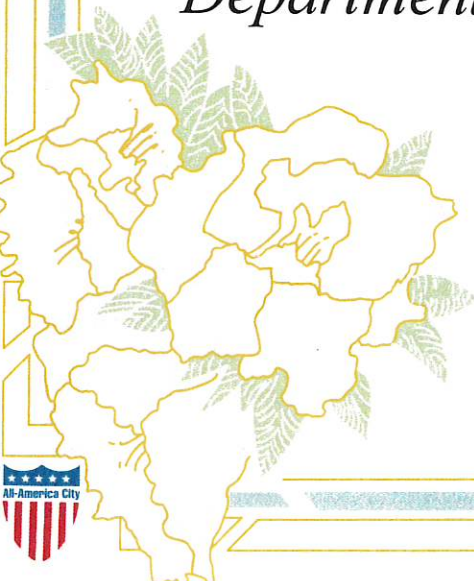
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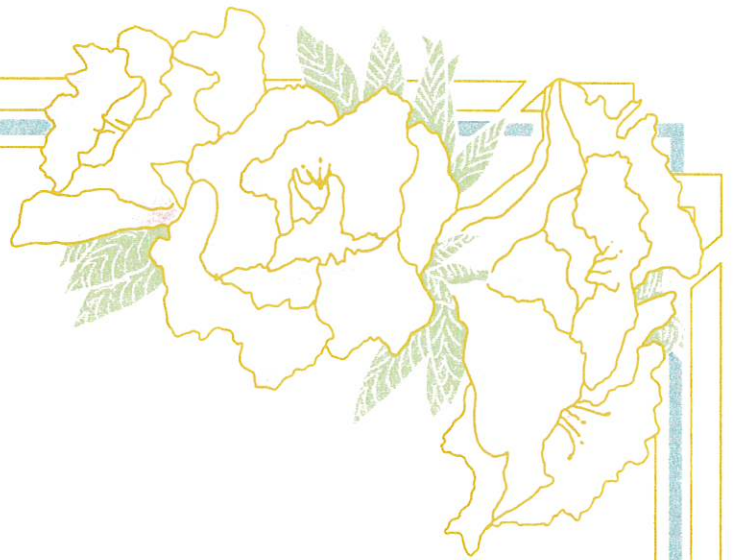
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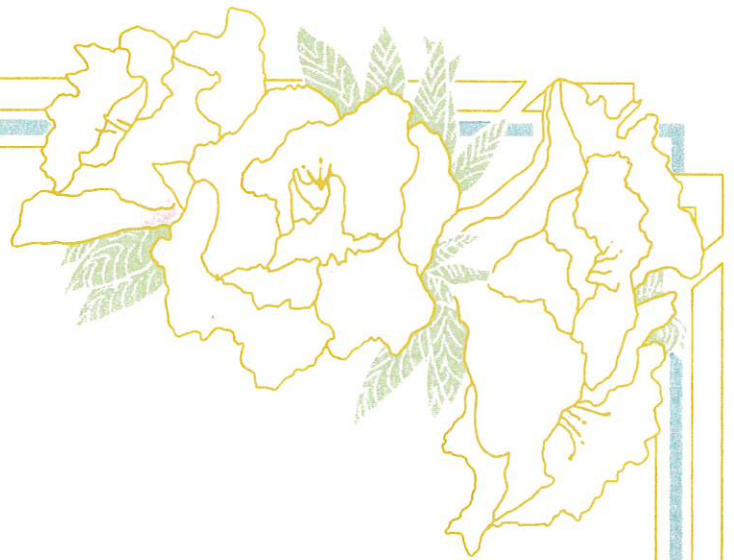
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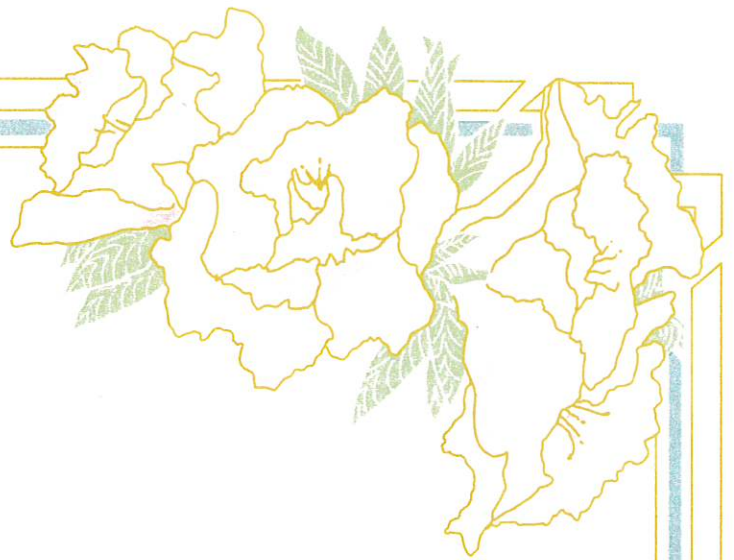
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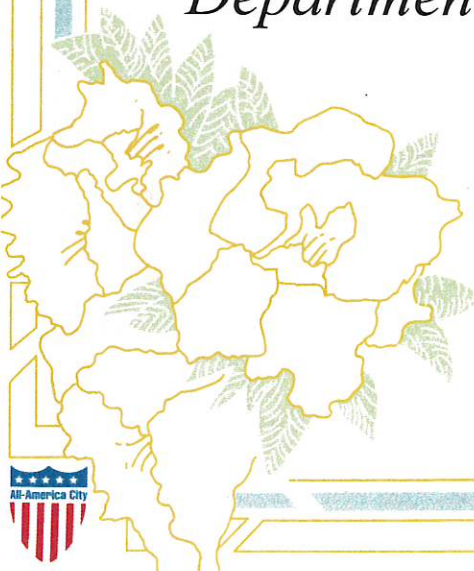
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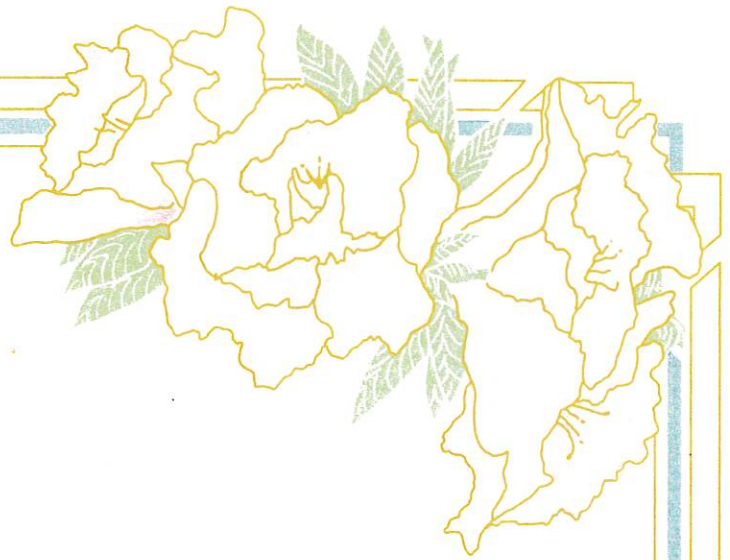
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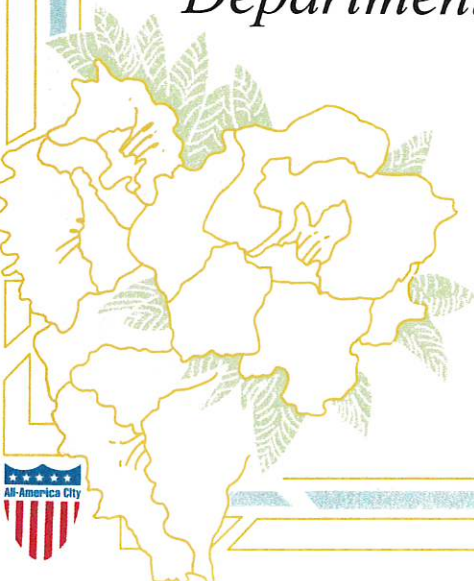
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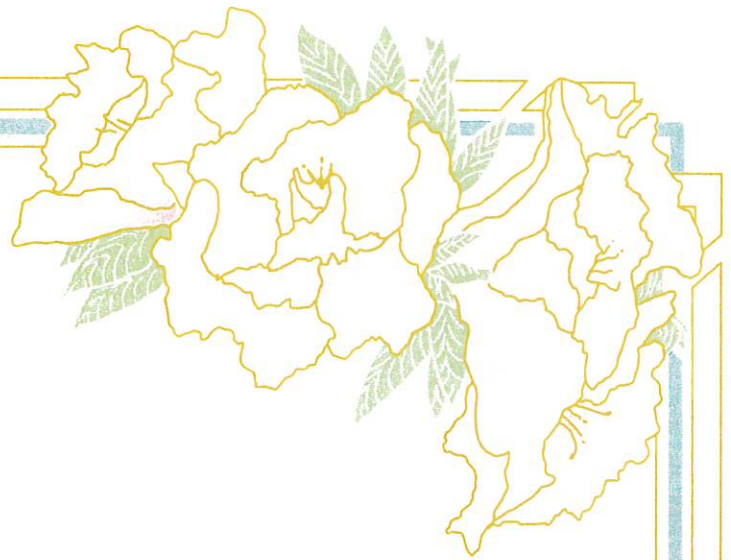
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on behalf of the citizens of South Gate to:*

Officer Michael Meza

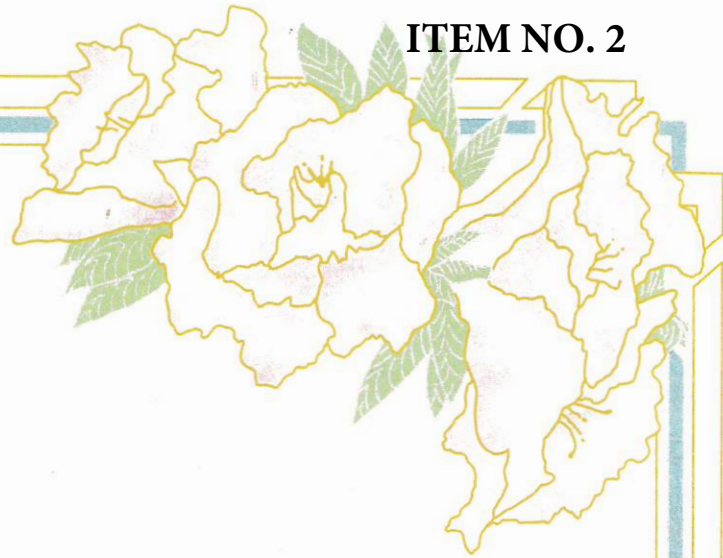
*In recognition of your outstanding contribution
to the **Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay**.
Your dedication, teamwork, and commitment
exemplify the values of the South Gate Police
Department and serve as an inspiration to all.*

*Maria Davila, Mayor
April 22, 2025*

The Azalea City



City of South Gate



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

*Presented by the
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on behalf of the citizens of South Gate to:*

Detective John Affeld

*In sincere recognition and appreciation for your 50 years of
dedicated service to the **City of South Gate**.*

*Your unwavering commitment, outstanding work ethic, and
decades of service have left a lasting impact on our community
and inspired generations of employees and residents alike.
We honor your remarkable journey in our Police Department
and thank you for your tireless devotion to making
South Gate a better place for all.*

With Deepest Gratitude and Respect

*Maria Davila, Mayor
April 22, 2025*

The Azalea City



City of South Gate

From the Honorable
Mayor



PROCLAMATION

Declaring Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Month May 2025

- WHEREAS,** *the City of South Gate celebrates May as Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Month to raise awareness about the importance of water safety, educate the public on preventing water-related accidents, and promote safe practices around pools, lakes, rivers and beaches; and*
- WHEREAS,** *it is crucial for individuals of all ages, especially children, to understand how to swim, use life jackets properly, and follow safe boating and water recreation practices; and*
- WHEREAS,** *water safety education helps reduce the number of preventable injuries and fatalities, creating safer communities and encouraging responsible water use and enjoyment; and*
- WHEREAS,** *water safety involves not only learning vital skills but also promoting the importance of adult supervision, proper maintenance of swimming pools, and understanding potential risks associated with water activities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *the City of South Gate, families, first responders, lifeguards, educators, and safety advocates play a pivotal role in spreading awareness, providing resources, and teaching valuable water safety skills to the public.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Maria Davila, Mayor of the City of South Gate, on behalf of the City Council and citizens of South Gate, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as "Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Month" and honors the South Gate Aquatics staff for their dedication to preventing drowning and ensuring community safety at the Patricia G. Mitchell Swim Stadium. The council encourages everyone to practice water safety throughout the summer and year-round.

Maria Davila, Mayor

City of South Gate



From the Honorable
Mayor

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

Declaring
20th Annual Earth Day Celebration
April 26, 2025

- WHEREAS,** *the first national Earth Day was observed on April 22, 1970, to bring awareness to the environmental health of our planet with activities designed to educate citizens about the Earth and threats to its environment;*
- WHEREAS,** *the City will observe and celebrate the 20th Annual Earth Day on April 26, 2025, at South Gate Park by hosting graffiti removal, litter cleanup and tree planting activities and educational workshops;*
- WHEREAS,** *the City is inviting and encouraging all citizens, businesses, schools, and organizations to participate in the Earth Day festivities; and*
- WHEREAS,** *education and awareness of environmental sound practices will create a community that thinks and acts as a responsible trustee of our planet Earth.*

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed on this 22nd 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 April 26, 2025, as the 20th Annual Earth Day Celebration and duly advocate for the community to be active in the preservation of our planet, practice good environmental health habits and encourage everyone to participate in Earth Day activities.

Maria Davila, Mayor
April 22, 2025

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City of South Gate
CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA BILL

For the Special Meeting of: April 22, 2025
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 MARCH 2025

PURPOSE: To introduce to the City Council the newly hired and promoted full-time employees in the month of March 2025.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The City Council will consider receiving and filing the list of new and promoted full-time employees hired or promoted during March 2025.

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 March 2025:

Name	Title	Department	Division	Original Hire Date	Promo Date	Promoted From
Luis Franco	Water Service Representative I	Public Works	Water	02/16/21	03/09/25	Water Distribution Operator I
Juan Manuel Garcia Jr.	Police Officer	Police	Patrol	03/10/25		

ATTACHMENT: PowerPoint Presentation



City of
South Gate



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





Public Works



Luis Franco

Water Service Representative

Public Works

Promotion Date: 3/9/25

Original Hire Date: 2/16/21



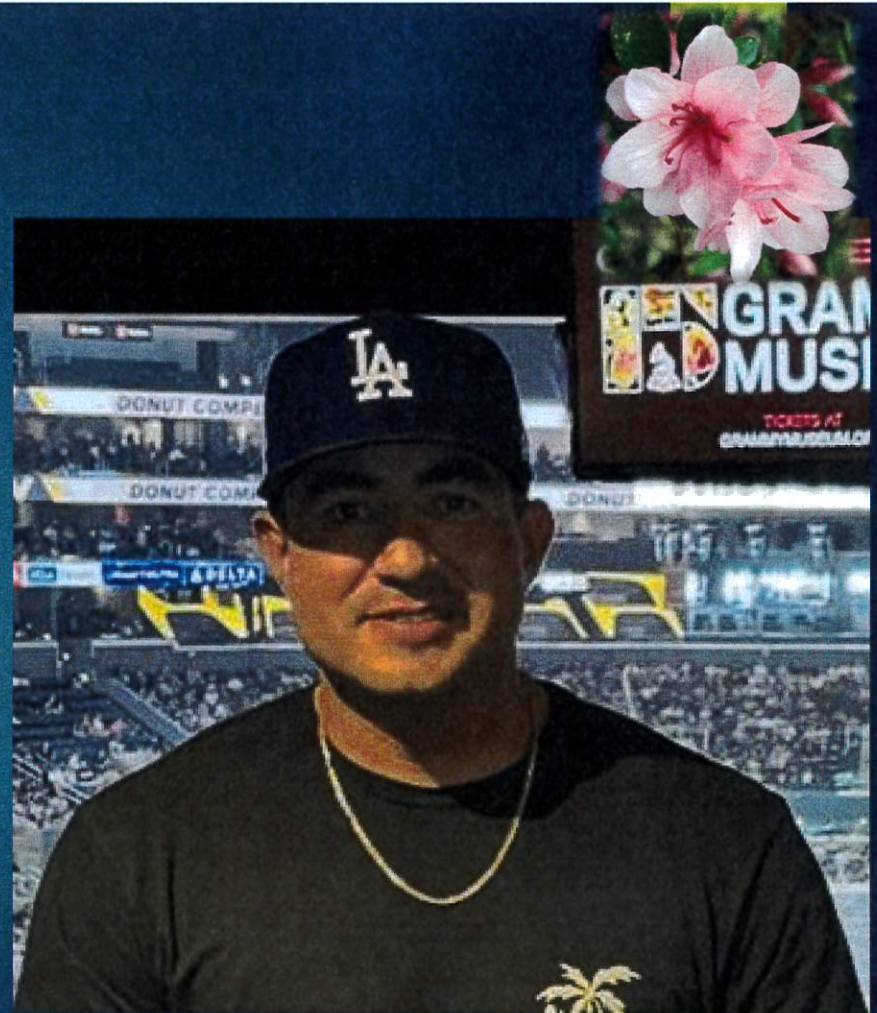


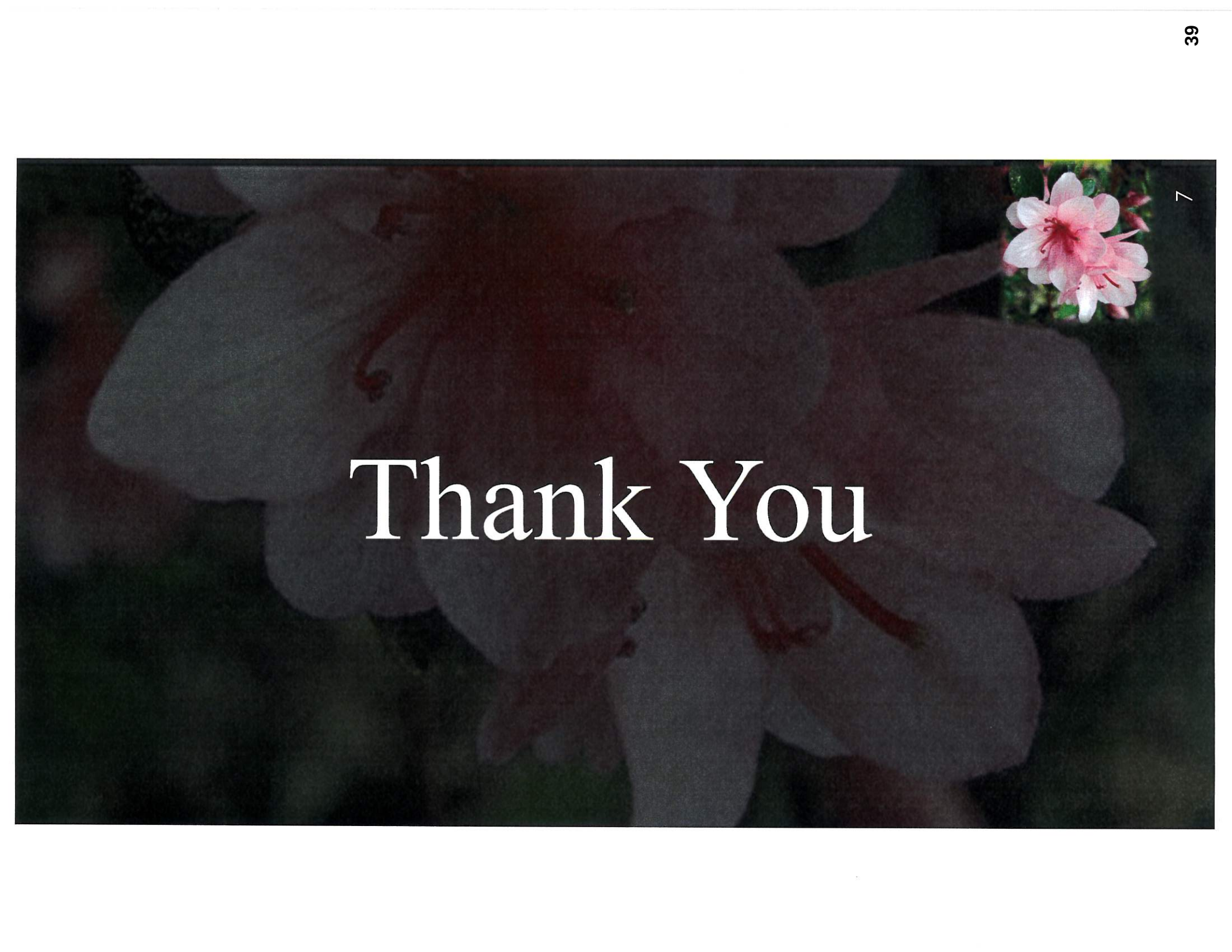
Juan Manuel Garcia Jr.

Police Officer

Police

Hire Date: 3/10/25





Thank You

MEMORANDUM

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

APR 16 2025

TO: Rob Houston, City Manager

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

DATE: April 16, 2025

SUBJECT: **CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF APRIL 22, 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 22, 2025, 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. *City of South Gate v. 3M Company et al.*,
Case Number 2:22-cv-3340-RMG, MDL No. 2873
- b. Maria Palencia v. City of South Gate, et al.

2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c)

One (1) - Potential Case

3. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Representation: City Manager
Rob Houston

Unrepresented Employees: Top Management/Department Directors
Hourly Employees

Employee Organizations: SGMEA
SGPMMA
SGDMA
SGPMA
SGPOA

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