



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

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

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

**DIAL-IN NUMBER 1 (213) 338-8477
MEETING ID: 821 0595 8091**

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City Officials

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

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3. 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.

4. 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 4:00 pm 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: Joshua Barron, Mayor
ROLL CALL: Yodit Glaze, City Clerk

Open Session

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1. Introduction of New and Promoted Employees in the Month of April and May 2026

The City Council will consider receiving and filing the list of new and promoted full-time employees hired or promoted during April and May 2026. (HR)

Documents:

[Item 1 Report 06232026 - Special.pdf](#)

2. Recognition of Service for Employees Retiring & Separating from the City of South Gate.

The City Council will consider receiving and filing the list of employees retiring and/or separating from the City. (HR)

Documents:

[Item 2 Report 06232026 - Special.pdf](#)

3. Proclamation Declaring June 2026 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month

The City Council will issue a Proclamation declaring June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month. (CLERK)

Documents:

[Item 3 Report 06232026 - Special.pdf](#)

4. Proclamation Declaring July 2026 as “Parks Make Life Better”

The City Council will declare July 2026 as "Parks Make Life Better" Month. (PARKS)

Documents:

[Item 4 Report 06232026 - Special.pdf](#)

5. Proclamation Declaring 4th of July as Independence Day

The City Council will issue a Proclamation declaring the 4th of July as Independence Day. (PARKS)

Documents:

[Item 5 Report 06232026 - Special.pdf](#)

6. Certificate of Appreciation – Father Angel

The City Council will issue a Certificate of Appreciation to Father Angel. (CM)

Documents:

[Item 6 Report 06232026 - Special.pdf](#)

7. Certificate of Appreciation – Awards You Will Remember: 35 Years in Business

The City Council will present a Certificate of Appreciation to "Awards You Will Remember" in recognition of its 35 years of business in the City of South Gate. (CM)

Documents:

[Item 7 Report 06232026 - Special.pdf](#)

Closed Session

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), 54954.9(b)(3)(C), and 54956.9(d)(1) (4)

- a. Beatriz Sereno v. City of South Gate, et al.
- b. Daniel Garcia Munoz v. LAUSD, City of South Gate, et al.

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Documents:

[Item 1 Report 06232026 - Closed Session.pdf](#)

Adjournment

I, Yodit Glaze, City Clerk, certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Meeting Agenda was posted on June 18, 2026, at 2:35 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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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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6:22 pm

Item No. 1

City of South Gate
CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA BILL

For the Special Meeting of: June 23, 2026
Originating Department: Human Resources

Human Resources Director:

Jon Hamilton

City Manager:

Rob Houston
Rob Houston

SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW AND PROMOTED FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES HIRED IN THE MONTHS OF APRIL & MAY 2026

PURPOSE: To introduce to the City Council the newly hired and promoted full-time employees in the months of April and May 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The City Council will consider receiving and filing the list of new and promoted full-time employees hired or promoted during April and May 2026.

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 months of April and May 2026.

Name	Title	Department	Division	Original Hire Date	Promo Date	Promoted From
Belinda Martinez	Senior Customer Service Representative	Administrative Services	Finance	08/16/21	04/06/26	Customer Service Representative
Christopher Dahlia	Police Lieutenant	Police	Patrol	01/08/96	04/19/26	Police Sergeant
Daniel Bernabe	Police Sergeant	Police	Patrol	08/15/01	04/16/26	Police Officer
Andrew Mora-Duran	Community Services Officer	Police	Traffic	07/27/25	05/17/26	Hourly Community Services Officer

Name	Title	Department	Division	Original Hire Date	Promo Date	Promoted From
William Martinez	Street Maintenance Worker	Public Works	Streets	07/26/23	05/17/26	Hourly Maintenance Helper
Austin Obero	Sewer Maintenance Worker I	Public Works	Water	05/11/26		
Jason Troxcil	Cross-Connection Control Specialist	Public Works	Water	10/10/11	04/06/26	Water Distribution Operator III
Karla Young	Special Projects Coordinator	Public Works	Engineering	10/24/22	05/03/26	Office Assistant

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City of
South Gate

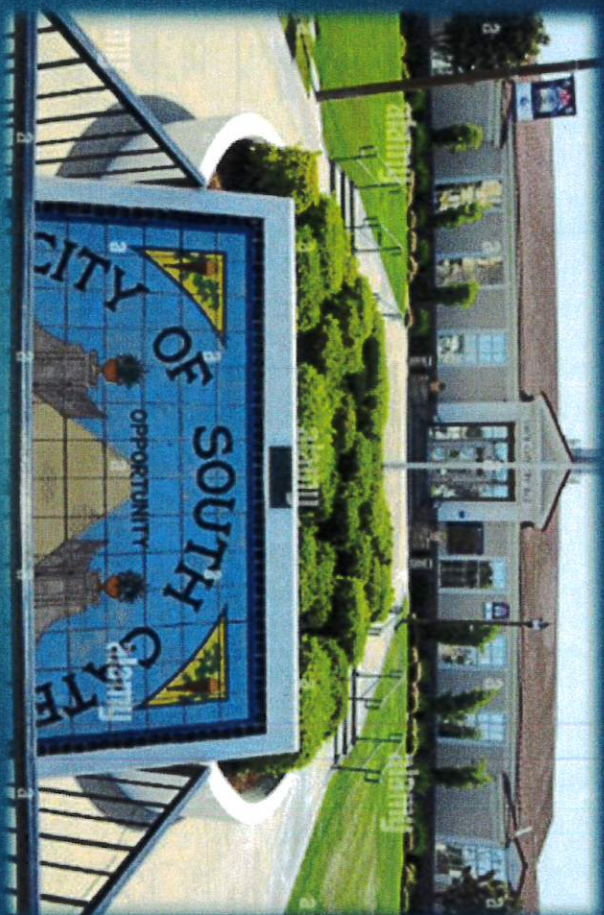


INTRODUCTION OF THE CITY'S NEW & PROMOTED FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES



Limited Recruitment and Promotion

- ▶ As a result of the City's current \$9.4 million structural deficit, the City has frozen all positions not deemed essential to carry out its core mission.
- ▶ Accordingly, the positions identified in this presentation are those deemed essential to the City's core functions.
- ▶ Thus, these newly hired or promoted individuals are into positions aligned with its planned workforce reduction plan to close this \$9.4 million budget gap.



Administrative Services

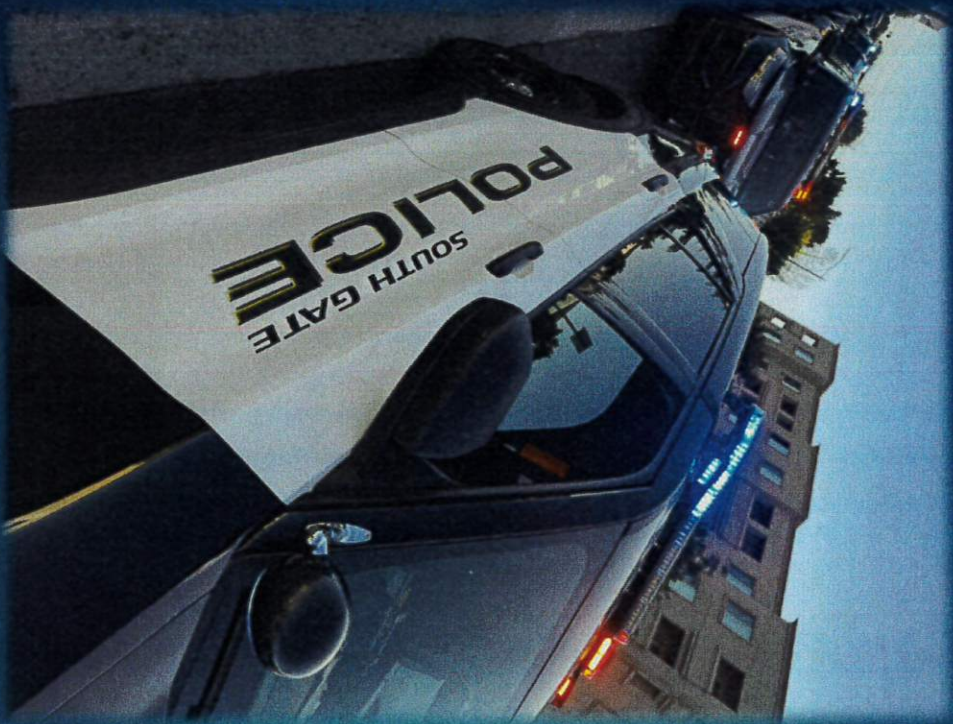
Belinda Martinez
Senior Customer Service
Representative

Administrative Services

Original Date of Hire: 8/16/2021

Date of Promotion: 4/6/2026





Police



Christopher Dahlia

Police Lieutenant

Police

Original Date of Hire: 1/8/1996

Date of Promotion: 4/19/2026



Daniel Bernabe

Police Sergeant

Police

Original Date of Hire: 8/15/2001

Date of Promotion: 4/16/2026



Andrew Mora-Duran
Community Services Officer
Police

Original Date of Hire: 7/27/2025

Date of Promotion: 5/17/2026





Public Works

William Martinez
Street Maintenance Worker
Public Works

Original Date of Hire: 7/26/2023

Date of Promotion: 5/17/2026



Austin Obero

Sewer Maintenance Worker I
Public Works

Date of Hire: 5/11/2026



Jason Troxcil

**Cross Connection Control
Specialist**

Public Works

Original Date of Hire: 10/10/2011

Date of Promotion: 4/6/2026



Karla Young

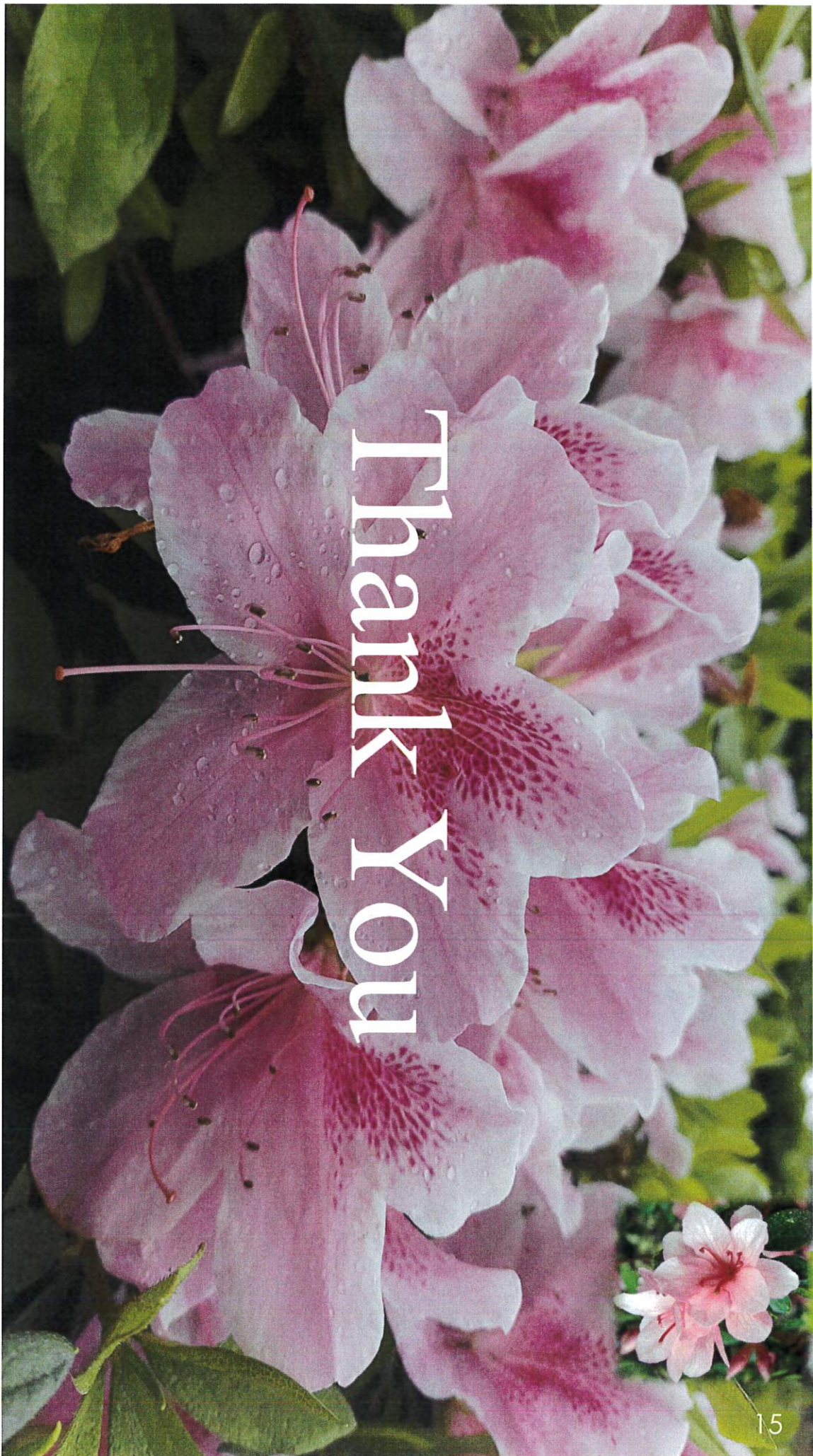
Special Projects Coordinator

Public Works

Original Date of Hire: 10/24/2022

Date of Promotion: 5/3/2026





JUN 16 2026

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11:15am

City of South Gate
CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA BILL

For the Special Meeting of: **June 23, 2026**
Originating Department: **Human Resources**

Human Resources Director:

Nelly C
for Jon Hamilton

City Manager:

Rob Houston
Rob Houston

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF SERVICE FOR EMPLOYEES RETIRING & SEPARATING FROM THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE

PURPOSE: To recognize the City of South Gate Employees who are retiring and/or separating from the City.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: The City Council will consider receiving and filing the list employees retiring and/or separating from the City.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

ANALYSIS: None

BACKGROUND: The following is a list of employees who are retiring and/or separating from the City.

Name	Title	Department	Division	Original Hire Date	Separation Date	Years of Service
Cynthia Lam	Intermediate Account Clerk	Administrative Services	Finance	01/17/95	06/26/26	31 Years of Service
Irma Martinez	Senior Customer Service Representative	Administrative Services	Water	02/06/92	06/27/26	34 Years of Service
Mary Ramirez	Administrative Services Clerk	Administrative Services	Finance	12/24/06	06/26/26	19 ½ Years of Service
Alicia Estrada	Executive Assistant to the City Manager	Administration	City Manager's Office	01/24/94	06/26/26	32 Years of Service

Name	Title	Department	Division	Original Hire Date	Separation Date	Years of Service
Debra Valdez	City Hall Receptionist	Administration	City Manager's Office	11/28/06	06/25/26	19 ½ Years of Service
Enedina Zaragoza	Executive Assistant to the City Attorney	Administration	City Manager's Office	10/11/99	06/25/26	26 ½ Years of Service
Maria Olivia Martinez	Senior Community Development Technician	Community Development	Administration	04/03/95	06/26/26	31 Years of Service
Thurman Green, II	Risk Manager	Human Resources	Risk Management	03/28/23	06/25/26	3 Years of Service
Sean Palos	Crime Prevention Specialist	Police	Services	10/09/13	05/09/26	12 ½ Years of Service
William Cyr	Crime Analyst	Police	Services	07/09/07	06/25/26	19 Years of Service
Juan Rodriguez	Police Sergeant	Police	Patrol	10/05/03	07/01/26	23 Years of Service
Oscar G. Munoz	Water Distribution Supervisor	Public Works	Water	05/18/92	06/12/26	34 Years of Service

ATTACHMENT: PowerPoint Presentation

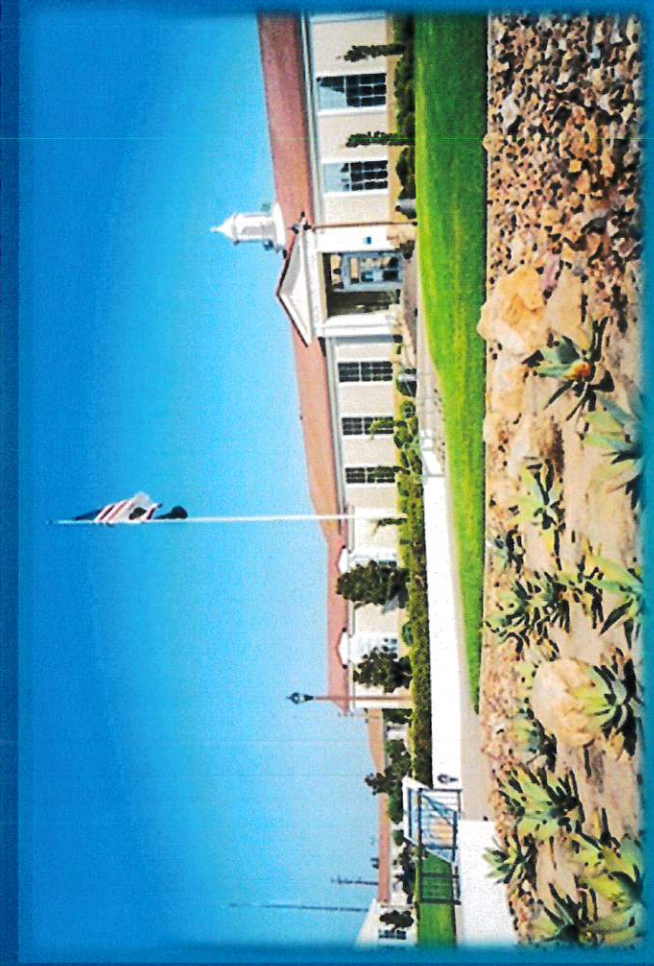
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RECOGNITION OF SERVICE





Administrative Services

Cynthia Lam

**Intermediate Account Clerk
Administrative Services**

Original Date of Hire: 01/17/1995

Retirement: 06/26/2026

31 Years of Service



Irma Martinez

**Senior Customer Service
Representative**

Administrative Services

Original Date of Hire: 02/06/1992

Retirement: 06/27/2026

34 Years of Service



Mary Ramirez

Administrative Services Clerk

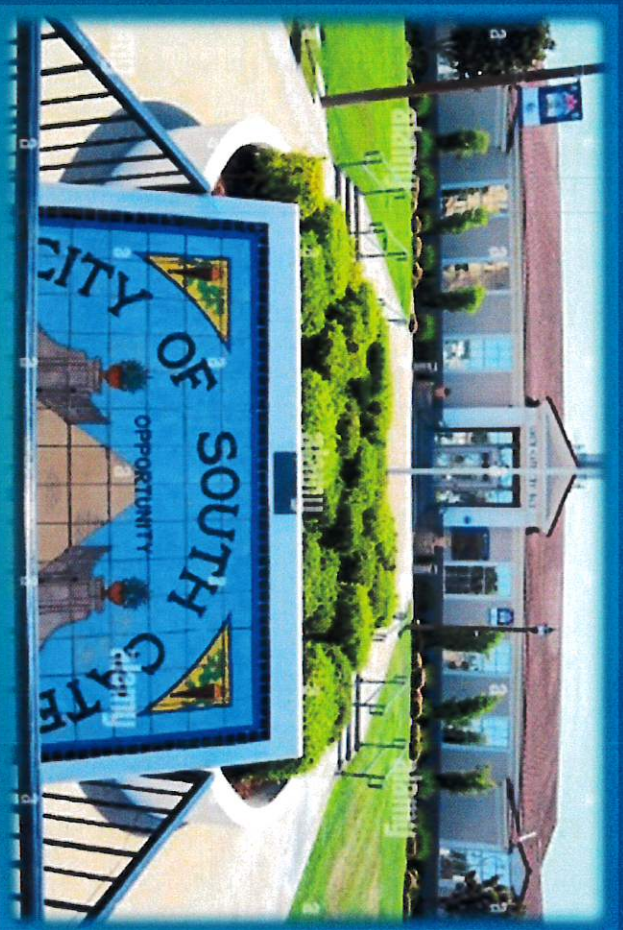
Administrative Services

Original Date of Hire: 12/24/2006

Retirement: 06/26/2026

19 ½ Years of Service





City Manager's Office

Alicia Estrada
**Executive Assistant to
the City Manager
City Manager's Office**

Original Date of Hire: 01/24/1994

Retirement: 06/26/2026

32 Years of Service



Debra Valdez

**City Hall Receptionist
City Manager's Office**

Original Date of Hire: 11/28/2006

Retirement: 06/25/2026

19 ½ Years of Service



Enedina Zaragoza

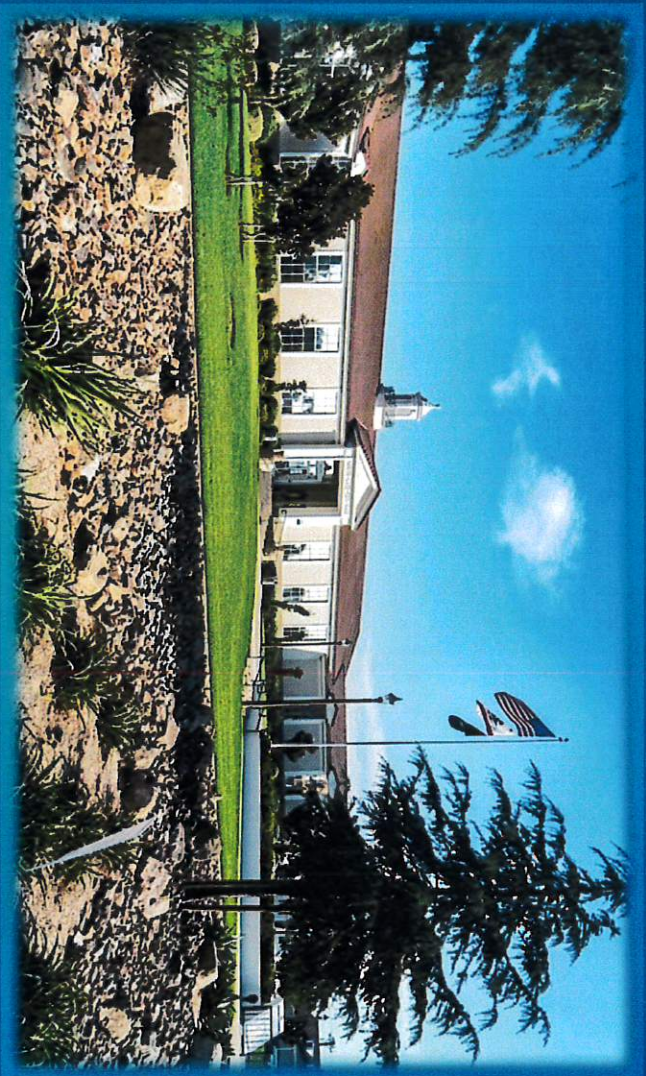
**Executive Assistant to
the City Attorney
City Manager's Office**

Original Date of Hire: 10/11/1999

Retirement: 06/25/2026

26 ½ Years of Service





Community Development

Maria Olivia Martinez

**Senior Community
Development Technician
Community Development**

Original Date of Hire: 04/03/1995

Retirement: 06/26/2026

31 Years of Service





Human Resources



Thurman Green, II

Risk Manager

Human Resources

Original Date of Hire: 03/28/2023

Separation: 06/25/2026

3 Years of Service





Police



Sean Palos

**Crime Prevention Specialist
Police**

Original Date of Hire: 10/09/2013

Separation: 05/09/2026

12 ½ Years of Service



William Cyr

Crime Analyst

Police

Original Date of Hire: 07/09/2007

Retirement: 06/25/2026

19 Years of Service



Juan Rodriguez

Police Sergeant

Police

Original Date of Hire: 10/05/2003

Retirement: 07/01/2026

23 Years of Service





Public Works

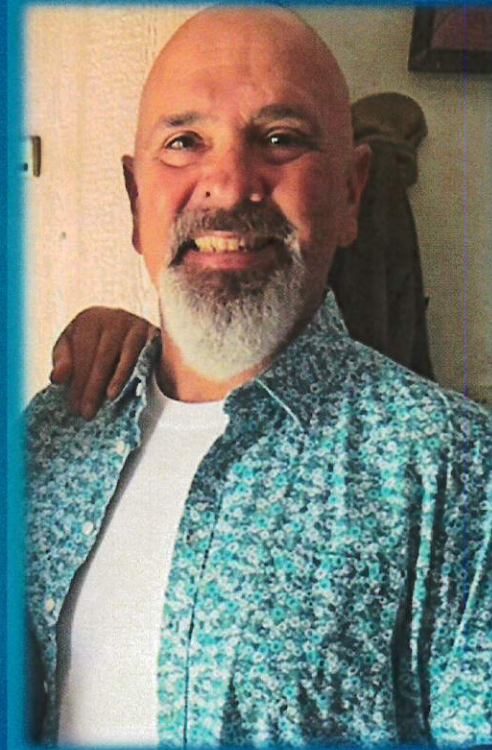
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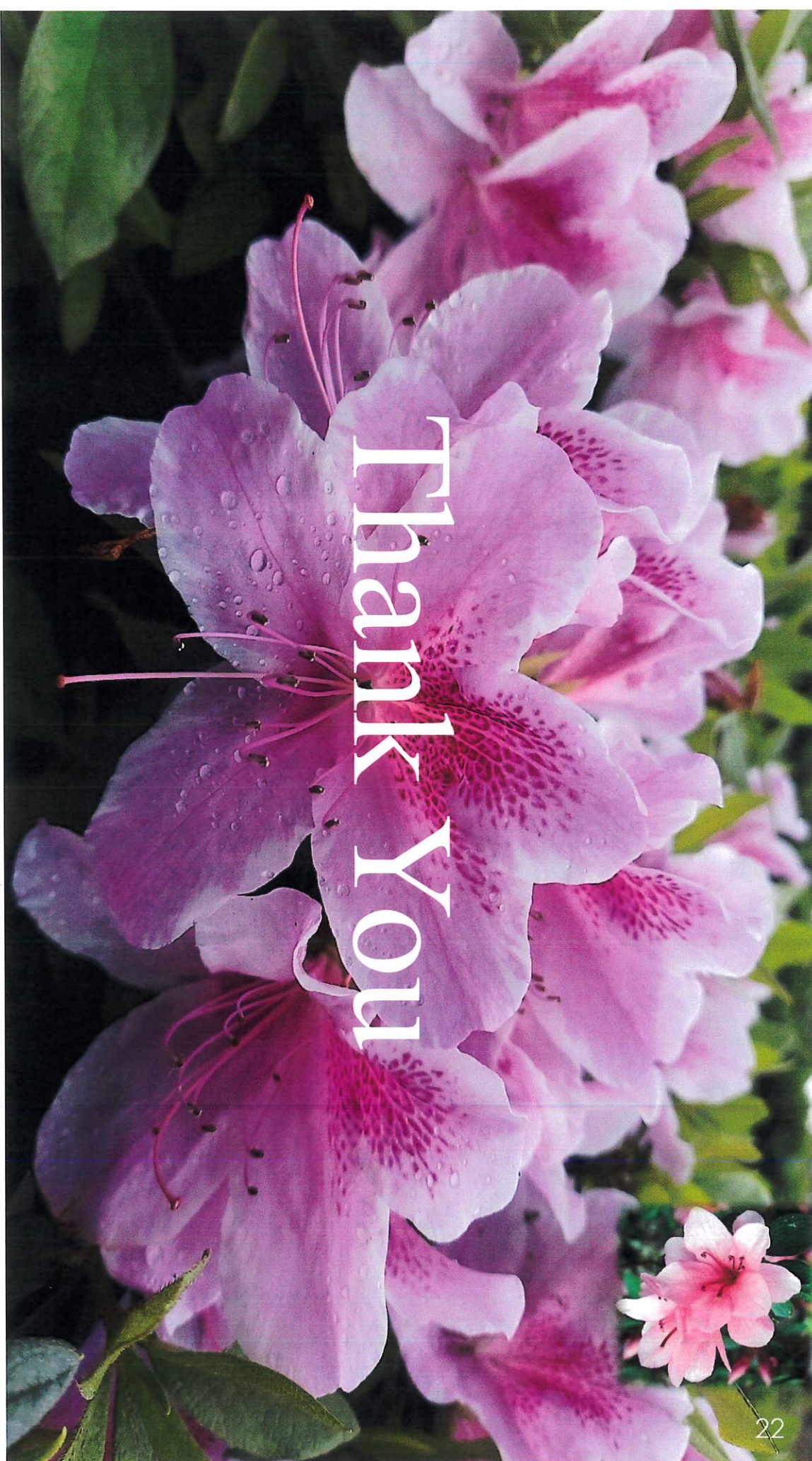
**Water Distribution Supervisor
Public Works**

Original Date of Hire: 05/18/1992

Retirement: 06/12/2026

34 Years of Service





City of South Gate



From the Honorable
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

Declaring
LGBTQ+ Pride Month
June 2026

- WHEREAS,** all residents in the City of South Gate deserve to be treated with dignity, respect, and equality, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity; and
- WHEREAS,** LGBTQ+ Pride Month is a time to reflect on the challenges faced by LGBTQ+ individuals throughout history, and to honor those who have fought and continue to fight for equality and justice; and
- WHEREAS,** Pride Month also serves as a celebration of identity, visibility, and self-worth. In South Gate, we recognize and value the contributions of LGBTQ+ residents who help make our city stronger, more diverse, and more inclusive; and
- WHEREAS,** our community joins others across the nation in reaffirming the rights and freedoms of LGBTQ+ individuals, and in standing against discrimination in all its forms; and
- WHEREAS,** LGBTQ+ individuals are represented at all levels of society, including in public service and civic leadership, and their presence continues to inspire positive change in communities like ours; and
- WHEREAS,** during Pride Month, we celebrate the courage and determination of those who live authentically and openly in the face of adversity, and we commit ourselves to building a community that embraces everyone, regardless of who they love or how they identify.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed on this 23rd day of June 2026, that I, **Joshua Barron, Mayor of the City of South Gate**, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby declare June 2026 as **LGBTQ+ Pride Month** in the City of South Gate, and encourage all residents to celebrate our diversity and to continue advancing equity, inclusion, and justice for all.


Joshua Barron, Mayor

City of South Gate



From the Honorable
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

Declaring **July 2026 as Parks Make Life Better Month**

- WHEREAS,** parks and recreation are powerful community assets that enhance the physical, social, environmental, and economic well-being of residents; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of South Gate's parks, recreation facilities, programs, and public spaces provide safe and welcoming environments where residents can stay active, connect, celebrate culture, and build stronger neighborhoods; and
- WHEREAS,** access to quality parks and recreation opportunities improve mental well-being, encourages outdoor activity, and promotes personal growth; and
- WHEREAS,** parks and recreation professionals play a vital role in enriching the community through youth and teen programs, senior services, sports, special events, cultural activities that serve thousands of residents each year; and
- WHEREAS,** the California Park & Recreation Society has declared the month of July as "Parks Make Life Better!" Month to raise awareness of the vital role parks play in enhancing our quality of life; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2026 theme, "The Power of Parks and Recreation," highlights the extraordinary ability of parks and recreation to bring people together, strengthen community bonds, and create opportunities that positively impact the lives of residents every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed on this 23rd day of June 2026, that I, **Joshua Barron, Mayor of the City of South Gate**, on behalf of the South Gate City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of **July 2026** as "**Parks Make Life Better!**" Month in the City of South Gate, and encourage all residents to celebrate 'The Power of Parks and Recreation' by visiting local parks, participating in recreational programs, and appreciating the dedicated professionals who help make South Gate a healthier, more connected, and vibrant community.


Joshua Barron, Mayor

City of South Gate



From the Honorable
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

Declaring **July 4, 2026, as Independence Day**

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, marking the birth of the United States of America and affirming the nation's founding principles of liberty, democracy, and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, Independence Day is a time for Americans to come together in unity and pride to celebrate the enduring spirit of freedom and the sacrifices made by generations of individuals who have defended and upheld the values on which this country was built; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate proudly joins communities across the nation in celebrating this historic day with festivities that honor our nation's heritage, encourage civic pride, and bring neighbors, families, and friends together; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate's annual 4th of July Independence Day Celebration is a cherished tradition that features family-friendly activities, live entertainment, food vendors, and a spectacular fireworks show, fostering a strong sense of community and shared celebration; and

WHEREAS, this year's celebration on **Saturday, July 4, 2026**, continues that tradition by providing a safe, inclusive, and joyful space for residents and visitors of all ages to reflect on our freedoms and look ahead with hope and unity.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed on this 23rd day of June 2026 that I, **Joshua Barron, Mayor of the City of South Gate**, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **July 4th, 2026**, as **Independence Day in the City of South Gate**, and call upon all residents to join in commemorating this day with pride, gratitude, and community spirit.


Joshua Barron, Mayor

City of South Gate



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

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

Father Angel

In sincere appreciation and gratitude for your faithful service, spiritual leadership, and dedication to the parishioners of St. Helen's Church.

Through your guidance, compassion, and commitment to serving others, you have touched countless lives and strengthened the faith of our community. As you begin this new chapter at another parish, we extend our heartfelt thanks for the positive impact you have made and the lasting memories you leave behind.

Your service and devotion will be remembered with gratitude and admiration. With best wishes for continued blessings and success in your future ministry.

Joshua Barron, Mayor
June 23, 2026

The Azalea City



City of South Gate



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

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

Veronica Gardea
Owner, Awards You Will Remember

In Recognition of 35 Years of Service

For thirty-five years, Awards You Will Remember has provided exceptional service and quality craftsmanship to residents, schools, businesses, organizations, and civic groups throughout South Gate and the surrounding cities.

Your dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence have made a lasting impact and contributed to the success and vitality of local business.

The City of South Gate proudly congratulates Veronica Gardea and Awards You Will Remember on this remarkable milestone and extends its sincere appreciation for thirty-five years of business excellence, service, and achievement.

Joshua Barron, Mayor
June 23, 2026

The Azalea City



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MEMORANDUM

JUN 17 2026

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TO: Rob Houston, City Manager

FROM: Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney *RS* *07*

DATE: June 17, 2026

SUBJECT: **CLOSED SESSION ITEMS FOR THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2026**

The following items should be listed on the Closed Session Agenda for the Special City Council Meeting of the City of South Gate on June 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a), 54954.9(b)(3)(C), 54956.9(d)(1)(4)
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 - b. Daniel Garcia Munoz v. City of South Gate, et al.

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