

**RESOLUTION NO. 7723**

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
SUPPORTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
“SAFE, CLEAN NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND OPEN SPACE FOR ALL MEASURE”**

**WHEREAS**, every year, more than 70 million people visit the over 3,000 parks in the County of Los Angeles ("County") and its cities, including their neighborhood parks, and participate in park-sponsored recreational programs. Parks are important to families, as millions of children and youth use park facilities for after-school, weekend, and summer programs, and millions of seniors attend programs at nearby senior centers; and

**WHEREAS**, parks, natural lands, open space, and beaches contribute to the health and vitality of citizens in the County. These natural areas help make the community a wonderful place to live and protect our quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of South Gate ("City") has a long history of making significant investments in parks and recreation, open spaces, and natural areas; and

**WHEREAS**, for over 20 years the City has relied on local voter approved funding to protect and maintain local neighborhood, City parks, outdoor areas, rivers, watersheds, and local water resources. This funding is expiring and the City faces the loss of the only source of dedicated local funding for neighborhood parks; and

**WHEREAS**, dedicated local funding has served as matching funds for State, Federal, and philanthropic funding, and in this way is essential for communities to receive their fair share of available resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has undertaken an inventory, analysis, and community engagement process that culminated in the 2016 Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Park and Recreation Needs Assessment Final Report ("2016 Countywide Park Needs Assessment"), which allowed the County to document and analyze the needs of all the communities within its jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 Countywide Park Needs Assessment shows that there is a serious need for tens of billions of dollars in investments in safe neighborhood parks; protection of rivers, streams, lakes, beaches and watersheds; safe and healthy communities; urban greening; sustainability and energy efficiency; senior centers, community and facility rehabilitation and maintenance; at-risk youth job training and placement, gang violence prevention; and improved community access, connectivity and trails to these facilities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council hereby declares its support for the Los Angeles County "Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Open Space for All" measure on the November 8, 2016 county-wide ballot.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council hereby encourages all voters to educate themselves as to whether or not to support the Los Angeles County "Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Open Space for All" measure and to get out and vote in the November election.

**SECTION 3.** The City Council hereby encourages all of the City's local non-profit and volunteer organizations who use and benefit from the City's park facilities to educate themselves and their members about this legislation in a manner which is allowable and appropriate within the rules and judgment of each organization.

**SECTION 4.** The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign letters of support as needed and appropriate to demonstrate the City Council's support of the Los Angeles County Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks and Open Space for All measure on behalf of the City Council.

**SECTION 5.** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution which shall be effective upon its adoption.

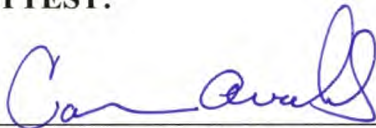
**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE:**



W.H. (Bill) De Witt, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

(SEAL)

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney

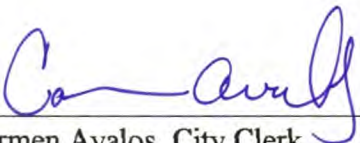
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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )**  
**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    )     SS**  
**CITY OF SOUTH GATE         )**

I, Carmen Avalos, City Clerk of the City of South Gate, California, hereby certify that the whole number of Members of the City Council of said City is five; that Resolution No. 7723 was adopted by the City Council at their Regular Meeting held on August 9, 2016, by the following vote:

Ayes:            Council Members:    De Witt, Davila, Bernal, Hurtado and Morales  
Noes:            Council Members:    None  
Absent:          Council Members:    None  
Abstain:         Council Members:    None

Witness my hand and the seal of said City on August 10, 2016.

  
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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk  
City of South Gate, California