

**RESOLUTION NO. 7841**

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE,  
CALIFORNIA, DEDICATING AN EXISTING BENCH IN THE MASCARO  
ROSE GARDEN AT SOUTH GATE PARK TO ELLEN MASCARO**

**WHEREAS**, Ellen Lena Mascaro was born in South Gate on August 12, 1927, to Giovanni (John) Mascaro and Nicolina (Lena) Kosec, who were Italian Immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, John Mascaro worked for many years as one of the first Gardeners at South Gate Park, eventually becoming Foreman, and, as part of his love of the park, created the Rose Garden by the Municipal Auditorium and, in 1959, upon John's passing, the Rose Garden was dedicated to John Mascaro; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellen Mascaro lived her entire life in South Gate, contributing to the community as a business owner, owning and operating the Merle Norman Cosmetics Store on Tweedy Boulevard, and as a volunteer through many organizations including Tweedy Mile Association and Friends of South Gate Museum, as well as volunteering and being a sponsor of many community events such as the Azalea Festival and Miss South Gate Pageant; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellen regularly enjoyed visiting and spending time in the Mascaro Rose Garden, remembering her days with her father at the Park as well as with her mother who owned and operated Lena's Flowers on Tweedy Boulevard during the 1930's; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellen passed away peacefully on October 5, 2018, at the age of 91, to be mourned, remembered and loved by many in the South Gate community; and

**WHEREAS**, Ellen's family, represented by her niece, Claudia Walsworth, requested that a bench in the Mascaro Rose Garden be dedicated in memory of her aunt, Ellen Mascaro, and offered to donate up to \$1,000 for the cost of purchase and installation of an appropriate marker for said bench;

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

**SECTION 1.** The City Council hereby dedicates an existing bench in the Mascaro Rose Garden in South Gate Park in remembrance of Ellen Mascaro's love and dedication to South Gate, to her parents, and to the rose garden.


**SECTION 2.** The bench shall be selected from one of the existing benches within the limits of the Mascaro Rose Garden by concurrence of staff and the family. Said dedication shall bestow no additional rights of use or ownership to the family including any rights to exclusive use. The City reserves the right to alter the location or placement of the bench and associated plaque, to alter or modify the landscaping in and around the bench, and in its sole discretion to eliminate the bench and plaque at such time as one or both are no longer consistent with the appearance or use of the area, or are no longer able to be properly maintained. Nothing in this Resolution shall require the City to repair or replace the bench or plaque in the event that either is stolen or vandalized.

**SECTION 3.** The City Council accepts a donation in the amount of the total cost to purchase and install an appropriate marker designating the bench, not to exceed \$1,000. The marker, which shall be exclusively owned and controlled by the City, shall be designed with concurrence of staff and the family and shall, to the greatest extent possible, mirror the size and style of the existing marker designating the rose garden as the Mascaro Rose Garden.


**SECTION 4.** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution which shall be effective upon its adoption.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of **December 2018**.


**CITY OF SOUTH GATE:**

  
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María Belén Bernal, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk  
(SEAL)

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney


**RESOLUTION CERTIFICATION PAGE**

**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. 7841 was adopted by the City Council at their Regular Meeting held on December 11, 2018, by the following vote:

Ayes:            Council Members:    Bernal, Diaz, Davila, and Rios  
Noes:            Council Members:    None  
Absent:          Council Members:    Morales  
Abstain:         Council Members:    None

Witness my hand and the seal of said City on December 12, 2018.

  
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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk  
City of South Gate, California

