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ABOUT THIS LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

The Legislative Platform is a tool for the City to navigate through the legislative landscape. The document outlines the City’s position on priority and important matters. This Legislative Platform allows Council Members and City staff to address and take immediate action on legislative and regulatory issues at the Federal, State and regional levels.

This platform supplements existing City Council established goals and policies in various documents including the City’s General Plan and approved Resolutions. The policy statements below are a summary of issues significant to the City. The document is intended to be updated on an annual basis.

CITY COUNCIL GOALS

- Improve communications and civic engagement.
- Continue refining the five-year budget forecast, adopting a responsible budget and funding reserves.
- Encourage economic development and workforce development.
- Continue creating and protecting strong and sustainable neighborhoods.
- Continue infrastructure improvements.
- Maintain community-based police services.
PUBLIC SAFETY

SUPPORT
Community policing practices.

Efforts to end human trafficking.

Measures aimed at gang suppression, prevention and intervention.

Efforts to eliminate the use of illegal fireworks.

OPPOSE
Legislation to reduce and/or eliminate Asset Forfeiture revenues.

SEEK FUNDING FOR
Increasing and improving police technology.

Increase marketing and outreach for the City’s Safety Awareness for Everyone (SAFE) program.

Monitoring impacts of the early release initiative.
SUPPORT

Expansion of job placement and career development programs.

Programs aimed to develop and advance small businesses.

Funding and financing of programs aimed at attracting new development.

Regional business friendly principles and practices.

Development projects benefiting the Gateway region.

WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SEEK FUNDING FOR

Business revitalization for Tweedy Blvd. and Hollydale areas.

Establishing and maintaining a hire local program.

Establishing and maintaining a youth employment program.

Development of the Employment Resource Center (former Courthouse building).
INFRASTRUCTURE

SUPPORT
Local and regional infrastructure improvements.

Policies and/or programs that could increase safety, enhance mobility, improve infrastructure condition, reduce environmental impacts, promote sustainability, enhance service and reliability and encourages alternative modes of transportation.

Funding and development efforts to plan and construct the Eco-Rapid Transit rail line.

Additional funding to improve and maintain the nation's freight network.

Efforts to develop and revitalize the Lower Los Angeles River.

SEEK FUNDING FOR
South Gate Regional Bikeway Connectivity Program.

Storm Water Quality and Compliance Program.

Street light LED conversions.

Roadway improvements for the City's main arteries.

Park Master Plan implementation.

Parks projects in support of revitalizing the Lower Los Angeles River.
**SUPPORT**
Legislation improving air quality, reducing and mitigating emissions.

Legislation aimed at increasing environmentally friendly buildings, businesses and manufacturing.

Measures to continue funding and expanding parks, recreation and open spaces.

Healthy lifestyle programs aimed at eliminating obesity.

Actions aimed at lowering the cost to deliver water.

Programs that give local control over water, watershed and catch basin review and regulation.

Efforts creating programs for agencies to better conserve, recycle and manage water supplies.

**HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

**SEEK FUNDING FOR**
Creation of an Urban Orchard.

Water conservation, landscape demonstration projects.

Vehicle replacement program.

Three additional GATE buses.

Conservation and energy efficiency upgrades to City facilities.

Addressing health and environmental priorities identified by CEHAT.

Community wellness programming.
GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

SUPPORT
Proposals to enhance and strengthen local representation on regional commissions and task forces.

Legislation that provides for an even distribution to local governments and other agencies.

OPPOSE
Unfunded state mandate programs.

Fast track bills that bypass local input.

Legislation that would take money away from local government services to balance the state budget.

Legislation reducing local government control over services.

Redevelopment trailer bills aimed at further impacting local revenue sources.

Additional fees and financial burdens to municipal utilities.
SUPPORT

Expansion and availability of early care and education opportunities in the City.

Increasing affordability and accessibility to higher education institutions.

The establishment and enhancement of labor unions.

Improving the lives of immigrants and their families.

Initiatives aiming to increase citizenship and voter participation.

The establishment of a living wage and increase access to healthcare.
CIVIC RESOURCES

SUPPORT
Expansion of higher education facilities in the City and surrounding communities.

SEEK FUNDING FOR
Rehabilitation of the Glenn T. Seaborg home.

Girls Clubhouse Community Center renovations.

OPPOSE
Closures to vital community resources not under municipal control.
ABOUT THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE

Located in the heart of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area, the City of South Gate is a busy, urban community consisting of residential, commercial, and industrial development spread over 7.4 square miles. It currently ranks as the 73rd largest city in California and 17th largest in Los Angeles County with a population of 99,578. South Gate is known for its outstanding city services, remarkable parks and recreation facilities, and family-friendly environment.

Incorporated on January 20, 1923, the city is strategically located along the 710 Freeway with close access to the 105 Freeway. South Gate is 20 miles north of the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, 7 miles south of downtown Los Angeles, and 13 miles east of the Los Angeles International Airport, making it an ideal location for residents in the Los Angeles County area, and a main thoroughfare for regional, national, and global transportation and trade for businesses.
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