

RESOLUTION NO. 7857

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE,
CALIFORNIA, INITIATING THE APPLICATION TO THE LOS ANGELES
LOCAL AREA FORMATION COMMISSION FOR THE FORMATION OF THE
LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVER RECREATION AND PARKS DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, in September of 2016, California Senate Bill 1374, sponsored by former Senator Ricardo Lara, was signed into law authorizing the formation of the Lower Los Angeles River Recreation and Parks District (District); and

WHEREAS, the Lower Los Angeles River flows through many disadvantaged communities, where residents are disproportionately impacted by poor air quality from local heavy industry and congested transportation corridors, and suffer from a severe lack of access to recreational opportunities and outdoor park space; and

WHEREAS, parks have many beneficial impacts on communities such as encouraging physical activity, improving health and fitness, reducing urban heating effects and air pollution, reducing greenhouse gas emissions through trees and greenery, and providing important economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, many communities along the Lower Los Angeles River represent low income communities which are some of the most park-poor areas in Los Angeles County, lacking the resources to fund, develop, maintain and operate the parks and recreational opportunities that their residents need; and

WHEREAS, with numerous recent developments, including the creation of a Lower Los Angeles River Working Group, to develop a revitalization plan, the City's Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan, and multiple conversations about a new vision for the river, there is a growing local interest in transformation of the river; and

WHEREAS, development and maintenance of a safe, attractive and vibrant recreation zone along the Lower Los Angeles River will require coordination of activities, maintenance, public safety and planning across multiple jurisdictions and is beyond the capabilities of any one City; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Gate, having significant interest in the continued development of recreational opportunities for all residents, including facilities and activities which utilize and enhance this important resource, which improves access to the

Lower Los Angeles River for everyone, has chosen to submit this application for formation of the District; and

WHEREAS, after this application is made, it is requested that proceedings be taken, pursuant to the Cortese/Knox/Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, commencing with section 56000 of the California Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 20, as a change in the organization of local agencies, and the Categorical Exemption was approved by the City of South Gate, as lead agency, on April 23, 2019; and

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

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby approves and requests aLAFCO to initiate proceedings for the creation of the Lower Los Angeles River Recreation and Parks District as authorized in the manner provided by the Cortese-Know-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

SECTION 2. The Director of Parks & Recreation for the City of South Gate, is hereby authorized to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution, which shall be effective upon its adoption.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles.


PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 23rd day of **April 2019**.

CITY OF SOUTH GATE:



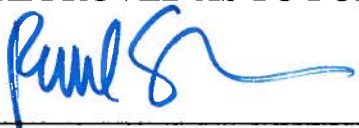
Jorge Morales, Mayor

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. 7857 was adopted by the City Council at their Regular Meeting held on April 23, 2019, by the following vote:

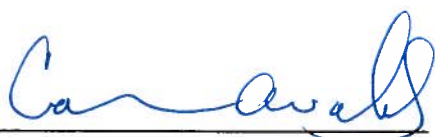
Ayes: Council Members: Bernal, Davila, Diaz, Morales, and Rios

Noes: Council Members: None

Absent: Council Members: None

Abstain: Council Members: None

Witness my hand and the seal of said City on April 24, 2019.



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk
City of South Gate, California