

## **SOUTH GATE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

M. Belen Bernal, Mayor

**ROLL CALL:**

Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

**MAYOR**

M. Belen Bernal

**CITY CLERK**

Carmen Avalos

**VICE MAYOR**

Denise Diaz

**CITY TREASURER**

Greg Martinez

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Al Rios

Maria Davila

Vacant

**CITY MANAGER**

Michael Flad

**CITY ATTORNEY**

Raul F. Salinas

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**MEETING COMPENSATION DISCLOSURE**

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**OPEN SESSION AGENDA**

**1. Selection of City Council Member to Fill the Unexpired Term**

The City Council will interview and select from among the candidates who submitted applications to fill the unexpired term of the City Council vacancy. (CLERK)

**Adjournment**

I, Carmen Avalos, City Clerk, certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Meeting Agenda was posted on October 9, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. as required by law.

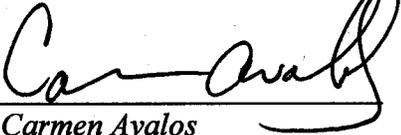
  
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**City of South Gate**  
CITY COUNCIL

**AGENDA BILL**

For the Special Meeting of: **October 15, 2019**

Originating Department: **City Clerk**

City Clerk:  Carmen Avalos City Manager:  Michael Flad

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**SUBJECT: SELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM**

**PURPOSE:** Selection of an applicant to replace the unexpired term of a former Council Member.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** The City Council will interview and select from the eight (8) candidates who submitted applications to fill the unexpired term of a City Council vacancy.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

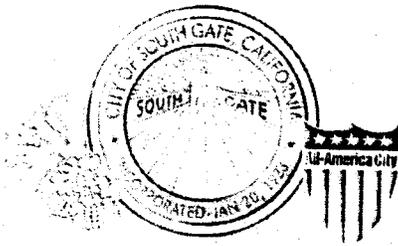
**ANALYSIS:** None

**BACKGROUND:** Former City Council Member Jorge Morales resigned from office on September 10, 2019. The current vacant City Council term will expire in March 2020. At its regularly scheduled City Council meeting of September 24, 2019, the City Council opted to appoint via an open and transparent process a new City Council member to fill the unexpired term of the vacancy in accordance with state law. Following presentations and interviews, it is expected that the City Council will move to appoint a new member to fill the unexpired term of the City Council vacant seat.

The following candidates applied to fill the unexpired City Council position:

Bishop Juan Carlos Mendez  
Gilberto Luprecio Hurtado  
Fabiola Inzunza Armenta  
William H. DeWitt  
Armando Velasquez  
Irving Pacheco  
John Robert Montalvo  
Melissa Peralta Alvarado

**ATTACHMENT:** Applications



**City of South Gate**  
**Application for Appointment to City Council**

Please type or print clearly.

Name Juan Carlos Mendez Date 9/26/19  
Residence Address 9641 Virginia Ave City South Gate Zip 90280  
Cell Number (323) 209-9988 Other Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer Centro Cristiano Bet El Occupation PASTOR

Registered City Voter  yes  no

Are you presently serving on an advisory body?  yes  no

Employed by City of South Gate  yes  no

Years lived in the City of South Gate 25

Have you ever served on an advisory body? Yes/ No Please mark all that apply. \_\_\_\_\_ Other  
\_\_\_\_\_ Planning Commission\* \_\_\_\_\_ Citizens Advisory Committee\* \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Appeals  
\_\_\_\_\_ Parks & Recreation Commission\*  Civil Service Commission\*  Youth Commission

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## SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR APPLICANTS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE VACANT SOUTH GATE CITY COUNCIL SEAT

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2. The South Gate City Council meets regularly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month at 5:30 p.m. Can you commit to attending the regularly scheduled City Council meetings? Yes  No
  
3. Are you available to attend meetings of other organizations on other weeknights? Yes  No   
During the daytime? Yes  No
  
4. The City Council position, like most elected and appointed positions in California, requires a significant amount of public disclosure. For example, the salary and any potential financial conflict of interest information is made available to the public. Are you okay with that? Yes  No   
How do you feel about the public's expectation for transparency?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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5. The City Council Members serve as representatives in the community, region and throughout the state. Is there anything in your personal or professional past that you feel could reflect negatively on the City of South Gate, City Council, or affect your ability to function as a City Council Member?  
Yes  No  If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
6. What are your long-term political and professional goals? Continue to Serve  
locally in the City of South Gate.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
7. Are you planning to run for a South Gate City Council seat in the next regularly scheduled election on March 3, 2020? Yes  No
  
8. Are you interested in seeking higher office in the future? Yes  No

## LEADERSHIP HISTORY

Juan Carlos Mendez is the Pastor of Centro Cristiano Bet-El a Southern Baptist Church in South Gate, CA which offers services in both Spanish and English. Mr. Mendez is one of the founders of the "Dream Center" formerly Bethel Temple Los Angeles. Mendez was mentored by the late Dr. Rev. Harald Bredesen. Over the years he has hosted many community events such as, the Annual Backpack Giveaway, Fiesta Hispanic, Safe Harbor and the Walk for Peace Health Fairs, and many community projects. In addition, Mr. Mendez has served on the South Gate Youth Commission, and the Civil Service Commission.

Mendez and other pastors started the Churches in Action Chapter in South Gate. He has gracefully served the community in many capacities. South Gate has been Mendez home for two generations where his father grew a church and led a Christian school. He cares about this city, and cares more about the people in it.

Mendez comes with a wealth of leadership experience needed to drive meaningful results. As a former schools' administrator, he believes in fiscal responsibility, community engagement, and city beautification, results have become evident around church. Mendez believes that we can continue the effort to make our city a better community now and in the future.

Juan Carlos Mendez, Ed. D.  
9641 Virginia Ave. South Gate, CA 90280  
Work phone 323 209-9988; E-mail obispojuancarlos@gmail.com

**I. PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

**A. EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP**

1988 – Bethel Christian Center, South Gate, CA  
Pastor, President and Chief Executive Officer  
2005 SEIU - Convener  
2008 University of Southern California – Los Angeles County Medical Center  
Staff Chaplain/Train other chaplains  
2007 Churches in Action – President/Founder  
2015 Los Angeles Inter-Faith – Co-Founder  
1991 – 2007 Los Angeles /Montebello Unified School Districts, Los Angeles County, CA  
Cluster Administrator, Principal, Asst. Principal – Various assignments at Suva  
Intermediate, Los Angeles High School, Manual Arts Cluster, Leuzinger High  
School.

**B. INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP**

1985 – 1991 Various full time assignments at Franklin Magnet High School, Edison Middle  
School, Lillian Elementary School, Davis Adult Center, Hawthorne Christian  
School.

**C. GRADUATE AND UNDER-GRADUATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

CSU Dominguez Hills – Bilingual Methods (1997)  
Biola University – Behavior and Classroom Management (June 1999)  
Azusa-Pacific University – Bilingual Methods (Dec. 1999)  
Vanguard University – Christian Ethics

**D. DISSERTATION**

**THE CAHSEE AND ITS IMPACT ON CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP BETWEEN  
STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND ACADEMIC OBJECTIVES**

**II. DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES**

D.Min	Mid-Western	2020	Doctor of Ministry
ED. D.	Argosy University	2012	Educational Leadership – Higher Education Admin.
Specialist	CSU Dominguez Hills	2001	Tier I, II Administration
M.A	CSU Dominguez Hills	1997	Multicultural Education
B.A.	Vanguard University	1990	Religion/Liberal Studies
			Professional Clear Credential Administration
			Professional Clear Credential Spanish/BCLAD

### **III. BOARD MEMBERSHIPS**

#### **UNITED STATES**

**PAST BOARD SERVICE** CSU Dominguez Hills Advisory Board, LAUSD Assistant Principals Organization, LAUSD Policy, Personnel, Legislation Committee, Prince of Peace Foundation, Juventud en Accion, New Life Clubs, Los Angeles Ecumenical Council. Co-Chair Franklin Graham Crusade

**CURRENT** President of Churches in Action, City of South Gate Youth Commissioner, South Gate Civil Service Commission, Los Angeles Interfaith Council, ARCh

**INTERNATIONAL** Republic of Uruguay, Republic of Ghana, Republic of Azerbaijan, El Salvador, Guatemala,

#### **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

Churches in Action – Migrant Caravan Mexico - Chair

Pacific Council - Member

ARCH – Iraq – Rebuilding the “Tomb of Prophet Nahum”

Tweedy Mile Business Association - Member

Baku International Fourm- Speaker

Individual and Community Preparedness Awards

Socio-Economic and Spiritual Development in Harmony in Present Day Azerbaijan

Medical Journeys – El Salvador, Guatemala, Colombia, Panamá, Cuba, Philippines, Croatia, Albania, Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Palestine

Member-Ciudad de Ninos Orphanage

Humanitarian Missions – 80 countries

White House – Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnership

Founder of Back to School Fair – South Los Angeles

Trainer – Hospital Chaplaincy Ministries in Cuba, Central and South America

Co-Chair- Camino del Migrante

Member, The Wall La Memorias Org. (HIV/AIDS)

Chair, CLUE Black and Brown Coalition

Co-Chair, Church Without Walls-Homeless Project

Founder of Churches In Action – International

Chaplain – US Federal Detention Center – El Centro, California

Member, Bomberos Voluntarios de Guatemala-Donating fire trucks in Central America

Member, Consulate of Mexico IMB Committee

Chair- Los Angeles County Inter-Faith Council

Coordinator of Regional Congressional Breakfast Forum on Immigration

Coordinator of the Easter Celebration for Immigrants

Coordinator of South East Los Angeles County National Day of Prayer

City of South Gate Youth Commissioner

Coordinator Student Human Relations Retreats

Alliance of Hispanic Educators

Coordinator Foreign Student Exchange – Edison Middle School

Co-Founder of Los Angeles Dream Center

Founder of Bethel Temple Los Angeles

Candidate California State Assembly 50<sup>th</sup> District

WASC committee member for the past 20 years

#### **IV. KEYNOTE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Baku International Forum- Moderator  
"The historical role of world religions in shaping a policy of tolerant co-existent of different cultural practices and in implementation the ideal of multiculturalism" Moderator  
Different Models of Multiculturalism: from theory to Humanitarian Practice "Using Your Personal Experiences as a Model" Speaker  
Individual and Community Preparedness Awards  
Azerbaijan Multiculturalism at Universities Challenges/perspectives  
National Action Network Convention 2015 – "Immigration Panel"  
Virginia Latino Higher Education – "Engaging Latinos in Higher Education"  
Inland Empire Southern Baptist Association – "A Call to Leadership"  
St. Camillus Pastoral Center – "L.A. Pentecostal Church History"  
National Council of Black Men – West Angeles Cathedral  
Concilio de Educacion Nacional de Las Filipinas – "Buenos Habitos para el Exito"  
South East Los Angeles County – "Transforming our Communities"  
Immanuel Presbyterian Church – "The Role of the Church in the Community"  
Holy Convocation – West Angeles Cathedral  
Watts Council of Churches banquet – "Effective Use of Government Resources"  
Riverside Community College Prayer Breakfast – Moreno Valley Campus  
Panelist, CSU Dominguez Hills "Issues in Bilingual Education"  
Panelist, Los Angeles Police Department "Safe Communities"  
Latin American Bible Institute – "Issues in Christianity"  
Zagreb Catholic Cathedral – "Are We Living The Kingdom We Are Seeking To Extend?"  
Joanne Petronella Foundation – "What Are The Key Components In Higher Education?"  
World Vision Los Angeles – "The Immigrant Student and Public Education"  
First Baptist Los Angeles – "Educational Opportunities for Immigrant Families"  
Mi Casita Parent Center – "Parental Involvement in Our Children's Education"

#### **V. ORGANIZATIONS**

Executive Member, Christian Community Development Association L.A.  
Executive Board Member, Franklyn Graham Crusade 2011  
Advisor, School of Education – California State University Dominguez Hills  
Secretary, LAUSD Asst. Principals Organization  
Representative, Associated Administrators of Los Angeles  
Member, Los Angeles Ecumenical Council  
President, Bethel Temple Academy  
Superintendent, Church of God in Christ  
Member, Prince of Peace Foundation  
Member, New Life Clubs  
Member, Delta Kappa  
Member, Collaboration of Education for the Americas Partnership  
Past member, Association of Mexican American Educators  
Past chapter chair, United Teachers Los Angeles

#### **VI. SERVICE**

Downey YMCA  
Mother Theresa Charities  
March of Dimes (Cluster Co-chair)  
Southern California Leadership Conference  
Church of God in Christ  
Los Angeles Community Development – Mayor James Hahn  
Brotherhood Crusade  
Los Angeles Police Department – Cesar Chavez Day Prayer Breakfast

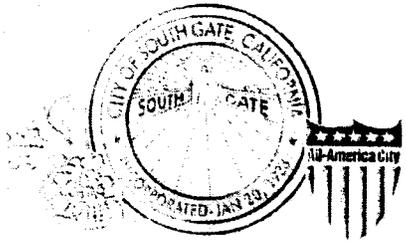
Los Angeles Police Department- Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast  
Molina Foundation – Book Distribution  
Union Rescue Mission

**VII. AWARDS (partial list)**

Vatican City- Pope Francis – “Medal of Mercy Award”  
Beverly Hills – Museum Tolerance – “Interfaith Tolerance Award”  
Los Angeles County Social Workers Association – “Champion for Children Award”  
American Legion Award – Distinguished Student Award  
LAUSD – Distinguished Educator  
Los Angeles County – Commendations from 2001 - 2011  
City of South Gate – Appreciation Awards  
City of Los Angeles – Appreciation Awards  
Assemblies of God – Appreciation Award  
United State House of Representatives – Appreciation Awards  
Russian Academy of Natural Science – Peter the Great Award  
United State Army – Appreciation Award  
United State Navy – Appreciation Award  
Los Angeles Police Department – Commendation  
International Who's Who – Award  
City of Downey – Award  
City of Huntington Park – Award

**VIII. REFERENCES (partial list)**

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Name Gilberto L. Hurtado Date 9-30-19  
Residence Address 10001 W. Frontage Rd #215 City South Gate Zip 90280  
Cell Number (323) 893-5728 Other Number N/A  
Employer Retired Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Registered City Voter  yes  no Are you presently serving on an advisory body?  yes  no

Employed by City of South Gate  yes  no Years lived in the City of South Gate 35+ yrs

Have you ever served on an advisory body?  No Please mark all that apply. \_\_\_\_\_ Other  
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### Gil Hurtado Bio

My name is Gil Hurtado. I was born in 1960 and raised in East Los Angeles. I graduated with Honors from Garfield Senior HS in 1978. In 1980, at the age of 20, I asked the love of my life, Lily, to marry me. Fortunately for me she accepted. We have been happily married for nearly 39 years.

Growing up in a low-income neighborhood, that offered few opportunities to youth, gave me the perspective that put me on the path of wanting to make a difference for youth. When my son was born, I wanted to make sure that I would be involved with his development in whatever he wanting to do. Of all the cities where to raise our family, we made South Gate our choice.

As my children got older, my son wanted to participate in baseball. I signed him up with the SGJAA. I was approached by a board-member and asked if I could help with the program. I started off as a coach but found myself with questions on how things were done. I suddenly found myself as part of the SGJAA Board. Almost immediately after joining, they elected me as their president and have held that title longer than anyone in the history of the program. Our program has accomplished the mission that I set in place. That mission was to offer this program to both boys and girls at the most affordable rate possible. Through my efforts, we have not raised the fees for about 20 years. Now our program serves as the training ground for participants at our three local high schools.

In 1982 I was hired as a Letter Carrier for the USPS. At a very early age I was given the opportunity to serve as a Supervisor. This is very unusual because these positions typically go to employees who have served for many years. My commitment to my job opened the door for this opportunity. Throughout my thirty years of service I received numerous letters of recognition for meeting safety, budgetary, and service goals. However, the awards that I treasure most include an award that I received for performing the Heimlich Maneuver that saved the life of one of my employees and recognition given to me by newly promoted supervisors as the Onsite Trainer of the Year award. I was able to retire at an early age. I retired at the end of 2013 at the age of 53.

College is not for everyone. There are numerous great careers that do not require a degree. I was already supervising when the decision to return to college came up. My wife Lily always had a concern that one day I may regret not going to college because we married very young. Of course, that would never be the case. Through her encouragement I decided to enter college life. I attended East Los Angeles college and obtained an AA Degree in Liberal Arts in 1993, graduating with Honors once again. Just like I did in high school.

After retiring in 2013, I found myself in a very interesting situation. What to do with my time? Since I was coaching the JV squad for SGHS, I was asked by some as to why I didn't do some part time teaching. Well, I didn't have a degree or teaching credential. At the age of 57, my wife gave me the okay to return to college. The dean at CSUDH convinced me to apply even though the time had already passed. I was fortunate that they made an exception for me that allowed me to enter campus life. Although things had dramatically changed since 1993, I was able to obtain a BA Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies/Global Studies in May of 2019. I graduated with Honors once again. This demonstrates that although things change, my efforts

will always be the best that I can offer. Three different institutions in three different decades all resulted in graduating with Honors.

About 20 years ago, our city was experiencing one of the darkest times in its long and wonderful history. There was no doubt in my mind that this kind of activity demanded that we all do our part. The original documents calling for a Recall of those dishonest officials will show that I was one of the original signers of this petition. Although there was heavy rain and numerous acts of violence, my efforts were constant. I am proud to have been part of the "cleanup" group. We were successful in removing these individuals and have been working very hard to keep others out.

Since 2003, I have been serving our city in many capacities. I have been a Planning Commissioner, Councilmember, President of the Independent Cities Finance Authority, Executive Board Member and President of the Gateway Cities COG, and Co-Chair of the I-710 Project Committee. In my time in these positions, I missed one and only one meeting. That one meeting was missed after suffering a massive heart attack. I have made myself available to our community by attending numerous Neighborhood Watch/ Community in Action meetings for about 20 years. Now, with social media, I have been assisting residents with a variety of concerns. I've not needed a title nor recognition of any kind. I believe that my record demonstrates my commitment to our city.

Although I'm retired and my children have grown up and moved on, I feel that my work is not done. Regarding my children, John is a CSI in El Segundo and continues playing concerts with his Beatles tribute band. He has been doing benefit concerts that have benefitted the SGJAA, local high schools' sports programs, Relay for Life, Santa Cop, local turkey giveaways, the SG Youth Commission, St. Margaret's Food Pantry, and many other worthy causes. My daughter Natalie went on to obtain her master's degree. She is now a schoolteacher for a neighboring cities catholic school. I am very proud of their development and the honest young contributors to the growth of society. I am also very proud of my wife Lily. It is through her encouragement and support that I can do the things that I do.

All these experiences, whether it's with college, work, life at home, or those that occur in our city, have allowed me to work to make things better to the best of my ability. Although I received those awards from work and Honors from school, and the Lifetime Achievement Award for my years of working with the youth, my greatest award is the love I feel from my community and the love that I feel at home from my wife, children, and grandchildren.

# GIL HURTADO

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giantgil23@icloud.com

## EXPERIENCE

- 2017 – PRESENT: PLANNING COMMISSIONER CITY OF SOUTH GATE
- 2005-2017: COUNCILMEMBER/MAYOR CITY OF SOUTH GATE
- 2005-2017: PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE BOARD-MEMBER GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS SOUTHEAST REGION
- 2005-2017: PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE BOARD-MEMBER INDEPENDENT CITIES FINANCE AUTHORITY SOUTHEAST REGION
- 2005-2017: CO-CHAIR I-710 PROJECT COMMITTEE SOUTHEAST REGION
- 2003-2005: PLANNING COMMISSIONER CITY OF SOUTH GATE
- 1982-2013 (RETIRED): USPS: LETTER CARRIER/SUPERVISOR/ACTING POSTMASTER/ ACTING STATION MANAGER

## EDUCATION:

2019:

### BA DEGREE INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES/GLOBAL STUDIES, CSUDH

Graduated with Honors. 16 courses of which I received 11 A's and 5 A-s. My studies focused on community issues such as Air, Water, and Land Quality, obesity, immigration LGBTQ, poverty, racism, the history of the U.S. regarding the expansion of the West and the impact on Native people, and other impacts to our community.

1993:

### AA DEGREE LIBERAL ARTS, EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Making the Dean's List and graduating with Honors while working full-time and volunteering to my SGJAA youth program was a challenge, but I had no problem succeeding. My studies focused on general college requirements.

## SKILLS:

- Time Management/Organizing
- Conflict Resolution
- Problem Solving
- Learning/Adapting
- Listening/Communication/English and Spanish
- Establishing Teamwork
- Ability to accept criticism
- Confidence/Decision Making

**ACTIVITIES:**

As a member of my community since 1984, the city that I chose to raise my family in, engaging in its success is critical. Here is a short list of those things that I've engaged in:

- Volunteering for nearly three decades with the SGJAA as president and coach.
- Vice President for the Evening Optimist Club of South Gate for two years approximately 20 years ago.
- Coaching girls' softball at SGHS for the last 5 years.
- Reading to students at our local elementary schools for many years.
- Speaking with students at our local elementary schools during government week.
- Speaking with the students of the leadership classes of our local high schools.
- Speaking with parents of local PTA's.
- Organized the Posada which now has a decade long existence.
- Organized fundraisers that raise funds for the SGJAA, Relay for Life, Santa Cop, Turkey Giveaways, Back-Pack Giveaways, St. Margaret's Food Pantry, SG Youth Commission, and other worthy causes.
- Participated in graffiti removal and city clean-up events.
- Assisting residents who raise concerns by attending Neighborhood Watch/Community in Action meetings for over 20 years as well as, currently addressing concerns brought to my attention through social media.
- Participated in the Recall effort of questionable city officials.

**RECOGNITION:**

USPS: Letters of Commendation for meeting Safety/Budgetary/Service goals.

City of South Gate: Numerous letters of recognition for improving the Quality of Life, Service to my community, and Dedication to the city of South Gate from various State and Federal officials including: (Listing only a few)

- Senator Ricardo Lara
- Assembly-member Hector De La Torre
- Assembly-member Anthony Rendon
- Congresswoman Janice Hahn
- Gateway Cities Council of Governments
- Lifetime Achievement Award given by the Youth Commission

During my years of service with the city of South Gate, which includes nearly 5 years on the Planning Commission and 12 years on the City Council as well as all the committees where I represented South Gate, I missed a total of only one meeting. That was only after suffering a massive heart attack a few days earlier. My commitment is unquestionable. Although I have not been on the City Council, residents and business owners have continued to reach out to me for assistance or advice that can solve whatever issue is that needs addressing.

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Please type or print clearly.

Name Fabiola Inzunza

Date 10/7/2019

Residence Address 9542 Bowman Ave.

City South Gate Zip 90280

Cell Number (323) 743-3229

Other Number \_\_\_\_\_

Employer City of Los Angeles

Occupation City Planner

Registered City Voter  yes  no

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Yes  No  If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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- 6. What are your long-term political and professional goals? \_\_\_\_\_

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- 7. Are you planning to run for a South Gate City Council seat in the next regularly scheduled election on March 3, 2020? Yes  No

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- 8. Are you interested in seeking higher office in the future? Yes  No

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***Attachment***

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4. Conducting the business of the people, is the business of the people. I firmly believe this. As a current government employee and as a member of the City of South Gate Citizen's Advisory Committee, I also abide by it.

The public's expectation for transparency is embedded into our legal framework including measures to ensure that the public is informed about a public official's personal financial interests and other potential conflicts of interest. This level of transparency is critical to help preserve public trust and to facilitate the ability of government to govern effectively and efficiently. Now more than ever, the public should rightly expect our government to be open, honest, and accountable in its deliberations and actions.

In the spirit of this question, I will also add that aside from asking the City Clerk's office for clarification on certain aspects of this application, I did not consult with any other City staff, potential applicants or candidates, nor with a City Council member in order to complete this application.

5. I have dedicated my life to serving my community. I have built a strong foundation of trust with the people and organizations I have worked with by abiding to high ethical standards. My personal and professional past reflect that I have the experience, integrity, and enthusiasm to serve as an asset to my city.
6. My professional goal is to continue growing as a city planning professional by expanding the breadth and scope of my technical skills. Eventually, I hope to obtain certification from the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) in order to sustain my knowledge of the latest trends, technologies, and best practices in my field.

My political goal will remain the same - to merge my professional and personal background to continue serving my community.

7. Our City Council faces the challenge of filling a vacancy during the campaigning period for candidates seeking to fill three of five seats. With such a short amount of time left before the next regularly scheduled election, this appointment comes at a critical time. This transition period necessitates appointing someone who will remain focused on the business of the city.

According to the South Gate FY 2018/2019 Work Program, close to 90 objectives have been identified with a target date of by or before March 2020 - not including ongoing objectives. I am ready to get to work by guiding and supporting staff in carrying out critical services for our city and contributing my own ideas based on my community-driven career.

8. While I am not currently interested in seeking higher office, I remain open-minded about the future needs of my community.

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Fabiola Inzunza

**Fabiola Inzunza** was born in Jalisco, Mexico and immigrated to the United States with her family when she was two years old. As a proud resident of the City of South Gate for 30 years, Fabiola has consistently taken an active role in her community. She first learned about the value of public service by becoming an LAUSD volunteer as a fifth grader in order to help teachers in crowded classrooms. With a career grounded in civic leadership, she continues to serve her community today.

Fabiola has over a decade of experience in community organizing and advocacy at the local, state, and federal levels. She has shared the story of her struggle as an undocumented immigrant with thousands of people across the country to highlight issues and shape policies impacting immigrants. Fabiola was also an early statewide leader in the successful grassroots coalition who won the passage of the California Dream Act, state legislature that granted undocumented immigrant students access to financial aid for higher education.

Fabiola's passion for education led her to develop and coordinate programs to empower youth in order to increase their civic participation and professional capacity. She has served on funding boards managing budgets and distributing resources amounting to millions of dollars worth of investments in scholarships, community programs, services, and educational activities. She is also an author and editor of articles and publications which examine the intersection of education, immigration, and labor, including the book, *Undocumented and Unafraid: Tam Tran, Cinthya Felix and the Immigrant Youth Movement*.

Now as a city planner in local government, Fabiola blends her background in social justice and professional training to help build safe, sustainable, and vibrant communities. Fabiola works on long range planning policies that shape how a city prepares for and responds to growth and development. She has been instrumental in creating a program to strengthen communication between city planners and residents by serving as a community liaison.

Fabiola believes effective governance is a collective responsibility and that the role of government is to implement the vision of the community. Therefore, she supports government processes that are transparent and inclusive of residents from all backgrounds to shape policies that are community-driven. Fabiola's priorities include increasing housing affordability, expanding access to public and open spaces, promoting economic development, and strengthening civic engagement.

After spending most of her life as an undocumented immigrant, Fabiola recently became a US Citizen and proudly voted for the first time in the November 2016 elections. Fabiola is honored to be able to use this new privilege to continue serving her community. She currently serves on the South Gate Citizen's Advisory Committee making budget recommendations for the Community Development Block Grant Program to fund capital improvements and local services for South Gate residents. Fabiola also sits on the American Planning Association Los Angeles board, where she works to make the planning profession in Los Angeles more inclusive.

Fabiola Inzunza attended State Street Elementary School, South Gate Middle School, and South Gate High School. Fabiola earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in the field of International Development from the University of California Los Angeles and was awarded the Chancellor's Service Award for her accomplishments as a student leader. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Community Development and Planning from Clark University where she completed her thesis analyzing the labor market in Southeast Los Angeles.

# FABIOLA INZUNZA

[fabiola.inzunza@gmail.com](mailto:fabiola.inzunza@gmail.com) | (323) 743-3229

## EDUCATION

- > **Community Development and Planning, M.A.**  
Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts, 2015  
*Thesis: "Las Agencias: A Spatial Case Study of the Temporary Help Services Industry and Labor Market in Southeast Los Angeles County, California"*
- > **International Development Studies, B.A.**  
University of California, Los Angeles, 2010
- > **Other Schools Attended:**
  - East Los Angeles College - South Gate Campus
  - South Gate High School
  - South Gate Middle School
  - State Street Elementary School

## EXPERIENCE

- > **City Planning Associate/Community Liaison** **Feb 2018 - Present**  
External Affairs, Department of City Planning, Los Angeles, CA
  - Implement the Department's community and government relations goals by working with a broad range of stakeholders, developing public educational tools and materials, and addressing public inquiries about zoning, land use, planning policies, and city services
- > **Planning Assistant** **May 2016 - Feb 2018**  
Citywide Policy Planning, Department of City Planning, Los Angeles, CA
  - Conducted research by reviewing, interpreting and analyzing reports and data to develop outreach strategies and concepts for the General Plan update covering topics such as land use, circulation, housing, conservation, open space, noise, air quality, safety, and environmental justice, per the California Office of Planning and Research (OPR) General Plan Guidelines
  - Managed consultant projects, including the drafting and review of Request for Bids, multiple Request for Quotes, meeting with consultants to determine adequacy of deliverables, schedules, and expenditures, and other project management tasks
- > **Program Facilitator/Curriculum Development Specialist** **Dec 2013 - June 2014**  
Latino Education Institute, Worcester State University, Worcester, MA
  - Facilitated an after-school program for high school students utilizing a community action planning framework to identify community needs and assets
  - Developed an urban planning and action curriculum guide and trained facilitators for middle school summer enrichment program for English Language Learners

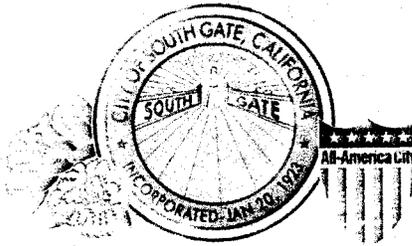
- > **Project Coordinator/Teaching Associate** **March 2010 - Aug 2013**  
 Dream Resource Center, UCLA Labor Center, Los Angeles, CA
  - Created materials, coordinated, and led trainings and presentations on immigrant youth resources and opportunities in higher education for diverse constituencies, including public officials, education professionals, community organizations, and students
  - Lead editor, author, and coordinator for publication, *Undocumented and Unafraid: Tam Tran, Cinthya Felix, and the Immigrant Youth Movement* with contributions from over 100 authors, artists, organizations, and student editors and a national book tour at over 50 locations across the country
  - Executive Director for Freedom School, a high school summer program based on a civil rights curriculum; administered program budget, managed a staff of facilitators and academic assistants
  - Teaching Associate for Asian American Studies, Chicana/o Studies, and Labor and Workplace Studies course on Immigrant Rights, Labor and Higher Education for 5 academic quarters

**COMMUNITY SERVICE & APPOINTMENTS**

- > Planning Commissioner Liaison, American Planning Association, Los Angeles Section, 2019 - Present
- > Los Angeles County Federation of Labor Civic Leadership Academy Fellow, 2018
- > Citizen's Advisory Committee, City of South Gate, CA, 2017 - Present
- > Southeast Los Angeles Civic Leadership Academy Fellow, 2016
- > Board of Trustees, Academic Affairs Committee, Clark University 2014-2015
- > Research Journal Peer Reviewer, Clark University, 2014-2015
- > Selection Committee, Making the Dream a Reality Scholarship, UCLA 2011
- > Policy Chair, Dream Team Los Angeles, 2010 - 2012
- > Vice-Chair, Community Activities Committee of the Program Activities Board, UCLA, 2007-2009
- > Co-Chair and Board Member, Improving Dreams, Equality, Access and Success, UCLA, 2004-2010

**SELECTED AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**

- > Public Outreach Award, American Planning Association Los Angeles, 2019
- > Neighborhood Council Civic Engagement Los Angeles Vanguard Award, 2019
- > Certificate of Appreciation, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award WeHack/Southeast Cities Civic Hackathon, City of South Gate, 2016
- > International Development, Community, and Environment at Clark University Social Change Fellowship Award, Clark University, 2013-2015
- > Chancellor's Service Award, UCLA, 2010
- > Future History Maker Award, Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE), 2008



**City of South Gate**  
**Application for Appointment to City Council**

Please type or print clearly.

Name BILL DeWitt

Date 10-1-19

Residence Address 5485 Gardendale St

City South Gate Zip 90280

Cell Number 310 994-3662

Other Number 562 861-7339 home

Employer General Voucher Manufacturing Co

Occupation President

Registered City Voter  yes  no

Are you presently serving on an advisory body?  yes  no

Employed by City of South Gate  yes  no

Years lived in the City of South Gate 55

Have you ever served on an advisory body?  Yes  No Please mark all that apply.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission*	<input type="checkbox"/> Citizens Advisory Committee*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other city council
<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation Commission*	<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Service Commission*	<input type="checkbox"/> Board of Appeals
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How do you feel about the public's expectation for transparency?  
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6. What are your long-term political and professional goals? no future Political goals  
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William and Mary De Witt  
5485 Gardendale St  
South Gate, CA 90280  
562-861-7339

September 24, 2019

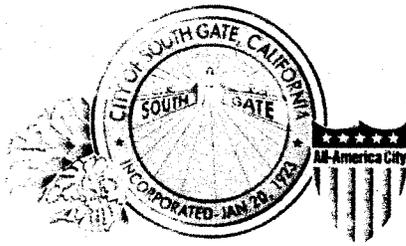
Dear Honorable Members of the South Gate City Council,

My name is Bill De Witt and I have lived in South Gate continuously since 1964. Our family has been in business in this city on Otis Street since 1931. I have served on the Planning Commission several times and, also, on the City Council. I have no interest in running for any elected position in the City of South Gate. However, I am willing to help the City in any way shape or form that I can.

Sincerely,

William Holliday De Witt

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### City of South Gate Application for Appointment to City Council

Please type or print clearly.

Name Armando Velazquez

Date 10/3/19

Residence Address 3365 Independence Ave.

City South Gate Zip 90280

Cell Number 323-270-2018

Other Number \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Little Mexico Restaurant Corp

Occupation CEO - Little Mexico Restaurant Corp

Registered City Voter  yes  no

Are you presently serving on an advisory body?  yes  no

Employed by City of South Gate  yes  no

Years lived in the City of South Gate 38

Have you ever served on an advisory body? Yes  No  Please mark all that apply. \_\_\_\_\_ Other

\_\_\_\_\_ Planning Commission\*      \_\_\_\_\_ Citizens Advisory Committee\*      \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Appeals

\_\_\_\_\_ Parks & Recreation Commission\*      \_\_\_\_\_ Civil Service Commission\*      \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Commission

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Answers to questions

Question 4: I fully understand the public's expectation of openness and honesty. It's important for the South Gate public to know their councilmember. I'm certain along the way there may be some uncomfortable questions and I'd answer them to the best of my ability.

Question 5: I'm proud of my past and feel there's nothing that would reflect negatively to the city of South Gate. I've never been convicted nor arrested of any crime.

Question 6: I currently don't have any long term political goals. Most of my goals are professionally with the growth of my restaurant. While things have picked up the last few years there are still far more things I need to handle. Personally, I still plan to serve my community in many areas.

I don't plan to run for office any time soon, if ever.

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## Biography

Name: Armando Velazquez

DOB: 12/03/1980

Address: 3365 Independence Ave., South Gate, CA 90280

Cell: 323-270-2018



My biography will ultimately be a letter to the council:

South Gate has been a part of me my entire life. I'm proud to let people know where I'm from and had a very filling childhood growing up here and taking advantage of the great schools and programs the city had to offer.

I was a student at State Street School, South Gate Middle School and South Gate High School. I always participated in programs to help build my social skills and leadership style. I'm a proud 4 year participant of the SGJAA. It was really my first exposure to social settings.

In middle school I was part of the SGMS marching band and for one year was part of the Ram Band at South Gate High School. I've participated in the South Gate Christmas parade 3 times through those bands.

It wasn't until High School where I began my involvement to my community. I joined many clubs/organizations, but the club that had the biggest impact to me (and to this day) was Key Club, an organization sponsored by Kiwanis International. My first advisor and ultimate mentor was the late William "Bill" Baum (He was a member of the then South Gate Kiwanis Club). He was my first exposure to serving your community. Through Key Club I volunteered over 1000 service hours. Projects included monthly Graffiti Paint outs within the city of South Gate, Family day at the park and adopting Southern Ave for street cleanups (The Key Club "Adopt a street" sign is still up on Southern Ave). The organization also developed my leadership skills early on. I became the first, and to this day the only, President to be elected as a freshman and serve during my sophomore year. It was during this time that I was also exposed to city issues, most noticeably the problems with Albert Robles. I was only a spectator during that time, but it did teach me a lesson and helped me recently (as I'll point out later).

My involvement to my community continued in college as a student at CSULB. I naturally joined Circle K International, a community service organization sponsored by Kiwanis International. I

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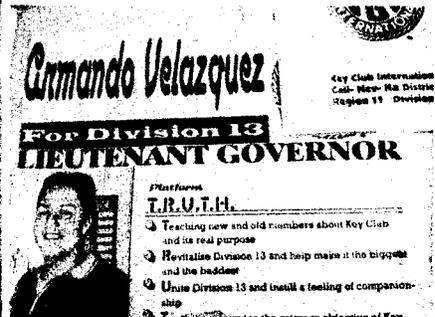
served over 800 service hours and served as a Club President, Lt. Governor, Governor of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District and served as an International Trustee.



Being installed as President of the SG Key Club



Serving next to Bill Baum



Running for leadership



SGJAA Baseball Player



Volunteering at El Faro Orphanage in Tijuana during College



South Gate High School Ram Band (Top left corner)



With my Club Presidents serving as Lt. Governor

As an adult I'm proud of the professions I've held and managed to thrive in. It has ranged from database storage, youth center administrator and Sales Manager to an independent office supply company (not retail). 5 years ago I purchased my family restaurant (In the city of Maywood). It was not given to me and I earned the opportunity to purchase it and grow it. I purchased it at a time where improvements were needed and it led to investing my own funds to do so. While I'm still making improvements I was finally able to provide an income to myself.

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My commitment to my community continued as I joined Kiwanis in 2007. I was the charter president to the first ever Young Professional Kiwanis Club west of the Mississippi. The club is still up and running today. My involvement with Kiwanis now stems to the collegiate level. I'm in my second year serving as District Administrator to the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Circle K. I'm pretty much the head advisor to the three state area and advise a district board of college students ranging from various colleges/universities. There are over 60 Schools I oversee as the head advisor. These schools include all UC's, most Cal States, several private universities and community colleges.

With my restaurant I've continued to serve the community. This includes contributing to local organizations such as the Lions club to put together family dinners and Make a Wish foundation. I'm most proud of my restaurants contributions to the recent LAUSD strike where we offered \$1 Tacos to all teachers on strike. We served over 1500 Tacos to many southeast LA teachers!



Receiving recognition from the Maywood Lions Club



Speech as Charter President to the Kiwanis



With Bill Baum and Clyde Putnam (Former SGHS Teacher) during my installation as Kiwanis President in 2007

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Supporting Teachers during strike



Serving as District Administrator to the California-Nevada-Hawaii District to Circle K Int'l

As a business owner I became more active with local government in the city of Maywood. I witnessed how a group of terrible and selfish councilmembers brought the city to financial disaster. It eventually led to a raid by the LA District attorney to 3 council members. Many of their practices were questionable and as a business owner I attended council meetings to voice my concerns. This is bringing us back to when I witnessed the whole fiasco with Albert Robles. Last year I supported 3 candidates that have committed to serving with integrity. I'm proud that those 3 candidates were elected and are cleaning up the mess left by the previous council. There are still questionable councilmembers serving the city of Maywood, but thankfully they are not the majority anymore.

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During the inauguration of 3 Maywood Council members in December 2018  
 (Picture does not reflect any endorsement by the council members)

Why do I want to fill the vacant councilmember position? This is a unique situation as it's only to serve for a few months. Because of the short time to serve I feel it should be filled by someone without an agenda. I feel it should NOT go to someone who will likely run for office anytime soon. I feel the person selected should be someone who will vote based on the facts and no personal motive whatsoever.

My leadership style has always been about doing the right thing. I'm aware that doing the right thing isn't necessarily the popular choice at times. I'm not afraid of criticism and have thick skin. Serving in several public positions I'm used to receiving criticisms. I take them well and always listen. I'm also very familiar with parliamentary procedure and because of the community I do speak Spanish (I have to know some since I own a Mexican Restaurant).

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**City of South Gate**  
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Please type or print clearly.

Name IRVING PACHECO

Date 10/6/2019

Residence Address 8901 CALDEN AVE 209

City SOUTH GATE Zip 90280

Cell Number (323) 907-0044

Other Number \_\_\_\_\_

Employer G4S SECURE SOLUTIONS

Occupation SITE MANAGER

Registered City Voter  yes  no

Are you presently serving on an advisory body?  yes  no

Employed by City of South Gate  yes  no

Years lived in the City of South Gate 5

Have you ever served on an advisory body? Yes/  No Please mark all that apply. \_\_\_\_\_ Other

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How do you feel about the public's expectation for transparency?  
I strongly believe that the public has the right to know what is going on in their city. Transparency is key to running a city. The public should be provided easy access to data on the planning and operations of the city. Such reports should be both qualitative and quantitative. In addition to this, the public should be allowed to provide feedback and the city should make every reasonable effort to address any issues/concerns from the public.
  
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**Yes**  **No**  If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What are your long-term political and professional goals? My goal is to obtain a JD, pass the BAR exam, become employed for the LA District Attorney's office, eventually run for DA, and then seek higher office.
  
7. Are you planning to run for a South Gate City Council seat in the next regularly scheduled election on March 3, 2020? **Yes**  **No**
  
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My name is Irving Pacheco. I was born in Los Angeles on Christmas of 1990. I am currently 28 years old and have two daughters. I have been a resident of South Gate since late 2014. I moved to Huntington Park in 1999 and I attended State Street Elementary School, Gage Middle School, and Huntington Park High School where I graduated in 2009. From 2007 to 2011 I volunteered at Salt Lake Park coaching a youth basketball team. After high school, I worked for the U.S Department of Homeland Security – Transportation Security Administration for several years helping to protect the traveling public. In my position, I had to undergo a thorough background investigation in order to be granted a Secret government clearance. Integrity is of great importance to me which is why during my time working for the federal government, I was one of the individuals responsible for making official protected disclosures to the DHS Office of Inspector General. In addition to this, I took note of the corruption that was happening in my surrounding cities and I reported information to the appropriate authorities which I believe were one of the reasons why there were some investigations conducted in where at least one individual was convicted for corruption related crimes. I obtained an Associate of Arts Degree in Administration of Justice and Associate of Science Degree in Political Science from East Los Angeles College. I currently work as a manager in the private sector and I attend a California State University where I am working to obtain a Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Administration. I am looking to get more involved in my community and get some political experience so that in the future I can run for higher office. If you do not know by now, I am very big when it comes to integrity, accountability, and doing what is right. It has always been a part of me to fight for those that cannot fight for themselves.

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**IRVING PACHECO**  
South Gate, CA 90280 US  
Mobile: 3239070044  
Email:  
[irvingp025@gmail.com](mailto:irvingp025@gmail.com)

**Professional Work Experience:**

**G4S Secure Solutions USA, Inc.**

*May 2017 to Present*

**Site Manager**

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Ensure consistent compliance with regulatory and contractual requirements including but not limited to ensuring all officers are up to date on training and licensing requirements
- Act as the G4S liaison with the client, law enforcement agencies, customers, and employees
- Plan, organize, direct, and control the operational and administrative activities on a day to day basis
- Coordinate with Field Supervisors, Scheduler, and the Recruiting Manager to identify and mitigate open posts/hours to maximize coverage and reduce non-billed overtime
- Ensure that a job posting is placed to replace an officer in anticipation of the removal/resignation of that officer
- Maintain logbooks and records of company property/equipment and ensure software updates are performed on schedule for assigned Secure TRAX® devices
- Ensure proper equipment is provided to new officers and replacement is provided to existing officers in order to ensure full compliance with contractual requirements for the client
- Process timesheets, validate timekeeping, and certifying corrections
- Attend weekly meetings with Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) property management, Bank of America (BOA) Corporate Security management, and BOA HR management, and various other BOA department heads
- Review and update Post Orders as needed
- Track assigned company vehicles' information and maintenance
- Conduct investigations of any recurring problem to immediately identify causes and possible solutions for various types of incidents
- Respond to and resolve complaints of employees, customers, and the general public
- Interpret and apply technical operating procedures, safety manuals, company policy documents, and government regulations as appropriate
- Responsible for meeting with officers to identify and mitigate all root causes of all issues in order to improve performance, reduce absences/tardiness, and to ensure compliance with rules and procedures
- Issue progressive discipline and conduct performance appraisals of officers

**U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security - Transportation Security Administration**

*April 2010 to May 2017*

*Transportation Security Officer (April 2010 to March 2011)*

*Behavior Detection Officer (March 2011 to May 2012)*

*Supervisory Behavior Detection Officer (May 2012 to September 2016)*

**Transportation Security Manager – Supervisory Behavior Detection Officer (Collateral Duty)**

*September 2016 to May 2017*

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**Collateral Duties and Responsibilities:**

While assigned as the Manager for the Office of Security Operations (OSO) at LAX

- I directly managed 6 Supervisory TSA Officers, 14 Lead TSA Officers, and 25 TSA Officers
- I supported special deployments, major job transitions, and disaster/emergency response
- During deployments, I was in charge of making travel arrangements, issuing per diem payments, and interfacing with agency field offices
- I coordinated with other managers from other security checkpoints to ensure that staffing was allocated according to the passenger load for each checkpoint at a given time
- I made decisions on whether to authorize overtime or not based on unforeseen circumstances that were out of my control and ensured overtime was limited based on the current budget
- As a manager, I had payroll duties and I was in charge of making sure my staff was paid according to the following: pay band, shift differential, overtime pay, holiday pay, annual leave, sick leave, Sunday differential, and collateral duty differential
- I also was in charge of approving any type of leave whether it was annual, sick, FMLA, leave without pay, etc.

While assigned as the Supervisory Behavior Detection Officer for the Threat Assessment Division

- I conducted quarterly audits for several airports throughout the US to ensure compliance with Behavior Detection and Analysis (BDA) Program duties and Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- I also prepared my airport for audits, which include covert audits conducted by the Office of Inspector General (OIG), and ensured any issues identified were addressed and corrected

I directly oversaw several Lead Behavior Detection Officers and Behavior Detection Officers including indirectly overseeing TSA officers within the hub spokes of LAX. I trained officers in conducting BDA Program duties. I also facilitated and contributed to daily briefing discussions and used scenarios and examples to clarify appropriate application of Standard Operating Procedures. I developed and maintained collaborative relationships with internal and external stakeholders and coordinated with them to ensure communication of up-to-date information. I utilized appropriate leadership styles and techniques based on evaluation of the situation, in order to effectively guide and direct staff. My duties also include responding to and resolving security related incidents, emergency situations, and difficult customer service issues by creating calm, establishing command presence, and using critical thinking and tactical communication. I created and reinforced a work environment that maintains open, respectful communication that values employees, and encourages the use of cooperative problem solving.

**Education:**

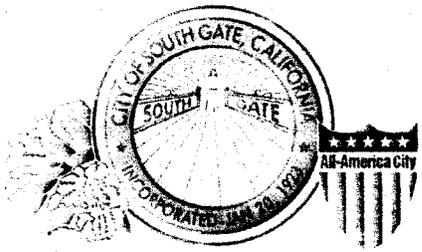
**East Los Angeles College**

- Associate of Arts Degree in Administration of Justice
- Associate of Science Degree in Political Science

**California State University Dominguez Hills**

- Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Administration – Administrative Management (in progress)

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**City of South Gate**  
**Application for Appointment to City Council**

Please type or print clearly.

Name John R. Montalvo Date 10/6/19

Residence Address 9815 Virginia Ave City South Gate Zip 90280

Cell Number 323-392-8135 Other Number \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Beauchamp Distributing Occupation Sales Rep

Registered City Voter  yes  no Are you presently serving on an advisory body?  yes  no

Employed by City of South Gate  yes  no Years lived in the City of South Gate 15

Have you ever served on an advisory body? Yes/No Please mark all that apply. \_\_\_\_\_ Other

\_\_\_\_\_ Planning Commission\* \_\_\_\_\_ Citizens Advisory Committee\* \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Appeals

Parks & Recreation Commission\* \_\_\_\_\_ Civil Service Commission\* \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Commission

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- NUMBER OF ATTACHMENTS

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 South Gate, CA 90280  
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How do you feel about the public's expectation for transparency?

I believe public service begins and ends with transparency. Without transparency there is no public trust. With that said we should focus on and exceed the public's expectations.

5. The City Council Members serve as representatives in the community, region and throughout the state. Is there anything in your personal or professional past that you feel could reflect negatively on the City of South Gate, City Council, or affect your ability to function as a City Council Member?  
Yes  No  If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

6. What are your long-term political and professional goals? I have no political goals. Professional goals are to complete the certification process to teach children with special needs and apply that to our community.

7. Are you planning to run for a South Gate City Council seat in the next regularly scheduled election on March 3, 2020? Yes  No

8. Are you interested in seeking higher office in the future? Yes  No

**Biography**

*John Montalvo has been a resident of South Gate for over fifteen years and has been involved with many organizations and events during that time. Currently, John is involved with the South Gate Boy Scouts, South Gate Girl Scouts, South Gate American Legion, and serves as a Commissioner for South Gate Parks and Recreation. As a former boy scout, John knows and understands the importance of an extended education and hands on experience. John, is very dedicated to his family and his religion and applies this dedication to service in the community. With a strong belief system and support from family John has made a positive difference within South Gate. Since most residents are not able to attend city meetings John regularly visits with residents and groups throughout the city of South Gate to discuss issues and inform them of events. John is also a U.S. Army Veteran who continues to help South Gate Veterans with getting and maintaining V.A. benefits as well as counseling other Veterans who suffer from P.T.S.D. In his spare time John enjoys spending time at South Gate Park with his wife and daughter and John also loves to read.*

John R. Montalvo

Sales Representative

(323)392-8135 | Johnmontalvo90280@yahoo.com | 9815 Virginia Ave, South Gate CA 90280

I am a very motivated person and have always been interested in the service of others. I have very strong communication skills and a solid history of achieving and exceeding goals set before me.

Commissioner, South Gate Parks and Recreation, South Gate, CA	2019 - present
Lead Sales Representative, Beauchamp Distributing, Compton, CA	2000 - present
Unit Supply Specialist, Armorer, United States Army, USA	1994 - 1999

United States Logistics Academy	1994 - 1995
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South Gate American Legion Post #335  
 South Gate Boy Scouts Troop  
 South Gate Girl Scouts Troop

Volunteered in many Community clean ups with the group Clean South Gate.  
 Volunteered in yearly homeless counts for City of South Gate.

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**City of South Gate**  
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Name Melissa Peralta Alvarado Date 10/7/19  
 Residence Address 10316 Hunt City South Gate CA Zip 90280  
 Cell Number 323 997 1539 Other Number 323 216 6320  
 Employer World Financial Group Occupation Financial Educator  
 Registered City Voter  yes  no Are you presently serving on an advisory body?  yes  no  
 Employed by City of South Gate  yes  no Years lived in the City of South Gate 39

Have you ever served on an advisory body? Yes/ No Please mark all that apply.  Other  
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Melissa Peralta Alvarado  
10316 Hunt Ave  
South Gate, CA 90280  
(323) 997-1539  
runmeli@yahoo.com

## **EDUCATION**

### **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES**

College of Letters and Science March 2004  
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Spanish

## **PROFILE**

Self-motivated professional looking for career opportunity to be a part of a collaborative team. Detail oriented highly qualified to work in an office environment with twenty year experience in marketing, administration, education, leadership, and customer service.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

Expertise in the area of educating, motivating, training, and guiding people to achieve their goals

Sensitivity to diverse academic, socioeconomic, cultural and ethnic backgrounds

Excellent communication and problem solving skills

Experienced in processing applications with confidential information and supporting documents

Prepare client files and update them effectively

Experienced in the Clinical Research process

Bilingual: speak, read, and write English and Spanish

Computer Skills: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook

Organizational skills

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **Five Keys Schools and Programs**

*Substitute Teacher*

*May 2019- Present*

Deliver classes for English language learners

Complete WPR's and other required paperwork according to state and school standards

Create and implement course outlines and lesson plans that align with students life goals and backgrounds

Integrate the Five Keys Restorative Justice principles into course content

Implemented daily, effective lessons using a variety of teaching techniques and curriculum into lessons

Maintain accurate, complete and confidential records as required by law, administrative regulations and school policy

Including direct instruction, small group work, individual learning, multi-sensory, technology and project-based learning

**World Financial Group**

*Marketing Director/Registered Representative*

*January 1998 – Present*

Provide potential clients with financial concepts to achieve financial goals by meeting semi-annually

Maintain record of client accounts evaluate and follow up progress

Interview, coached, and mentored new staff members in financial services

Work with managers to organize training presentations and motivate business associates

Give effective group presentations on company products

**University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine**

*Data Management Coordinator / Clinical Research April 2008-September 2016*

Assist with data collection and maintenance of databases to assigned grant project and research project

Compose and reviews patient chart and research chart for completeness of screening data; confirms eligibility criteria

Assist in coordinating day to day activities to assigned grant project and research projects, ensuring adherence to protocols

Correspond with study sponsor and responds to queries on assigned research projects

Schedule, coordinate, and facilitate patient visits to assigned grant project and research projects

Abide by HIPPA confidentiality guidelines

**ACE Tutoring Services Inc**

*Tutor*

*February 2008-June 2011*

Mentor, motivate, and provide educational guidance

Assist students improve Math/English skills by assigning various worksheets for practice and review

Provide pre and post test to students to see their knowledge of the subject and tutor them accordingly

**University of California Los Angeles, Early Academic Outreach Program**

*College Representative*

*March 2001 – October 2002*

Gave one on one college advice to students in program

Set up follow up appointments and kept a record of progress

Gave classroom presentations on college requirements

\*References available upon request

Melissa Peralta Alvarado

My name is Melissa Peralta Alvarado and I have been a South Gate resident all my life. My parents arrived to the U.S at the young age of thirteen as immigrants from Mexico. My father was an orphan and my mother had just lost her mother. They met in our neighboring city of Huntington Park and bought their first home here in the city of South Gate when I was a few months old. I consider myself blessed to have had the opportunity to grow up in this amazing community. As a child, I attended Stanford Elementary then South Gate Junior High and Graduated top of my class from South Gate High. I am proud to be a product of South Gate.

Growing up in South Gate as a was a great experience. My parents had a tight knit family made up of my younger brother and myself. Life as a kid was fun. My parents were always there for us. I was the only girl on the block playing sports since most of the neighbors were boys. Our playground was an empty parking lot which is now Stanford Primary Center. I remember as a kid, when Montara Elementary was opened and my friends had to leave to go to the new school. I was able to experience the growth our community was beginning to have.

As a teen while attending South Gate Junior High, I was fortunate to have an amazing mentor/leadership counselor Joe Cash. He allowed me to see my true potential of leading and supporting my community. I felt like my fellow classmates and I were given the opportunity to run the school. I along with fellow classmates took on the task of being in charge of the extra curricular activities. We had to propose a budget, make a plan, have a committee, and execute the plan. I feel like this part of my life defined me as the person that I am today. I am fortunate now be colleagues at Five Keys Charter Schools with one of the most influential men in my life besides my father, Joe Cash. This was one of the most important development stages of my life where I developed my leadership skills and became Student Body President. I also realized that I had a talent for running. I knew that I had to be the best in what I was involved in, so I had straight A's, I was leading the school, and one of the fastest runners.

As for high school pretty much followed the same path. I was a straight A' student involved in my community through Key Club and represented South Gate as a competitive runner at the city and state level. I currently hold all the long distance running records at South Gate High. High school was a significant period of my life as "Peralta the runner". I was blessed, everything was going great in myself. But at home financially, my parents lost their investment properties. My father who is my role model; the person I believed, instilled in me that determination and drive his dreams fell apart. My parents lost all their investment properties in the mid 90's. They had three triplex properties on San Miguel, Independence and Iowa. All the fruits of their labor came tumbling down, I never really knew exactly how that made my parents feel but deep inside I felt really bad for them. Their financial foundation fell apart and due to that I was able to qualify for Financial Aid, so sad but a true reality. Off to Westwood I went.

UCLA was an experience of its own. I walked-on to the track and cross country team. I was privileged to be an athlete. You received all these extra benefits that regular students did not

have. Tutoring, preferred enrollment, and the free UCLA gear. I was also a minority so that also contributed to the extra support I received on campus. I felt a little out of place, all my life surrounded around Latinos and now in a community with a lot of diversity. I experienced culture shock and could not really find myself there. I knew I really belonged in my community. I became a part of Early Academic Outreach Program. That was an amazing experience. I was able to motivate and inspire our youth to pursue higher education. At the same time supported the track and cross country team of the school I worked at.

While in school someone reached out to parents to educate and guide them with their finances. For me that was an eye opener. I wanted to do just that. If someone would have educated my parents when they had it all. Diversification, emergency fund, retirement, understanding taxes and having options with their money. So during my college years, I got licensed and trained as a Registered Representative in the Financial Services industry. I was able to guide and educate people with their finances.

After UCLA, financial education was my work and running competitively while training at South Gate Park. I loved being able to get people on track financially and having the time to keep myself physically fit. At the end of 2007, a reality check happened validating the work I did. I paid out my first death claim, sadly it was for a child. Not any child but my cousin who at that stage in my life was like my little brother. He passed away from Cancer. God had his plan for me. The financial crisis of 2008 hit the industry hard and I had to get my first eight to five job. I began doing Cancer Research at USC. This also allowed me to see the importance of why we have to have a plan. Understand how life insurance works, how money works, and taxes. While at USC I was blessed with a family.

Melissa Peralta Alvarado the woman I am now. I have been blessed with a loving supportive husband who I met through a wrong pager number. He married a strong woman that had goals and dreams. We lived with my parents our first year. We then bought our home in South Gate a year after we got married. We live near the park where I continue to run. The first couple of years I was learning to balance a family but also my career. I knew being at USC was temporary. Once my third child was born, it was time to really dedicate myself to serving the community.

I quit my job and focused on my passion for financial literacy. I was going to make sure I set my family up on the right path and that my community also understood the value of why we need to take control of our finances. In addition, I wanted to have control of my schedule to be a mother that was involved in her children's lives. I have been able to attend their school functions. I also knew that serving my community is what I feel a passion for. I became involved in the South Gate Chamber of Commerce, The South Gate Women's Club, The South Gate Womens Multicultural Club and the SELA Coalition. I have met some amazing inspirational people. In addition, I am also working as a substitute teacher at a Five Keys Charter School which allows me to give back to the community. Being able to balance community, work, family life and running has been a challenge. I have grown and developed as a person. I am also blessed to

have a strong support system within my family and community. I am able to see that you can do anything you put your mind to. It's all about how mentally strong I am and putting in the work and effort. Giving it all you have until the work gets done.

Currently, I have decided to take that leap of faith and serve my community by running for City Council. As a daughter of immigrants growing up in the community, I feel that responsibility to educate myself to educate my aunts, uncles, neighbors, fellow church members, running buddies at South Gate Park, other parents in the community and other members in the community. To help them really understand the importance of being civically engaged. I never really knew what that was since my parents were busy making a living. Now, as a parent here in South Gate, I want my children to see the responsibility we have to each other as community members to be involved to be heard and be the change, to create that commitment to continue to make our city a prosperous place with transparency, values and an example for others fellow cities to follow.

I have also decided to train for my first marathon ever. The past two weekends I have gone on 18 mile runs (three hours of straight running), its shown me that life is a training ground that you can make it what you want. You create your life, but you have to put in the work and effort to get the results you want. Towards the end of my run, I feel like I want to quit, but I push through and feel so happy and accomplished once I am all done. I feel that running for council will be the same.

I want to be part of that community that has a great process of fairness, being ethical and doing what's right for our community. I can only get the experience by taking action and being part of this movement. I feel a passion to support the growth of our community. To push to improve our parks, to fight for our own college campus, bring more green awareness to our community and also help our residents really understand the need to start talking about generational wealth. Its happening whether we want to see it or not. Most of our community owns a home but are the home owners prepared and do they understand how important it is to be financially educated and the estate planning process. Together as a community we can grow, develop and prosper!!!

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