



CITY OF SOUTH GATE



LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM 2021





ABOUT THIS LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

The Legislative Platform establishes the City of South Gate’s legislative priorities for the purpose of advocacy efforts at the regional, state and federal level. It also provides general direction to City departments, legislative advocates, delegation members and the public on our positions of support or opposition to key policy initiatives that would impact the way the City does business. The Legislative Platform was developed using the goals and objectives of the City Council.

The City will continue to annually update the Legislative Platform taking into account new issues or priorities as they relate to the community or other regional partners. Additionally, the policies established within the platform do not preclude City Council consideration of additional legislative matters arising throughout the year that may be brought forward for City Council action.



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LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM GOALS

- ⑤ Approval of the Legislative Platform streamlines the City's process and allows City staff to effectively respond and take immediate action on pressing legislation under City Council direction.
- ⑤ Federal and state legislative proposals and policies consistent with the City's Legislative Platform may be supported by the City.
- ⑤ Policies and proposals inconsistent with this Legislative Platform may be opposed by the City.
- ⑤ For proposed legislation, either consistent with the City's Legislative Platform, City staff shall be authorized to prepare position letters with the Mayor's authorization.
- ⑤ Items not addressed in the City's Legislative Platform will require further direction from the City Council.





PUBLIC SAFETY

SUPPORT

- Efforts to promote racial and social equity.
- Tools and resources to address critical community challenges such as homelessness, mental health, domestic violence, drug rehabilitation and human trafficking.
- Efforts to eliminate the use of illegal fireworks.
- Efforts to reduce illegal access to firearms.
- Measures aimed at gang suppression, prevention and intervention.



OPPOSE

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

SEEK FUNDING FOR

- Mental Health Service Programs.
- Homeless Prevention Programs.
- Monitoring impacts of the early release initiative.
- Gang Reduction Youth Development Programs.
- Community Policing Programs.
- The development of an Emergency Operation Center.





WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUPPORT

Financial Recovery Programs that supports residents and small businesses.

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.

OPPOSE

New legislation that may hurt start-up businesses.

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 Community Resource Center (former Courthouse building).

Workforce Development Programs.





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 West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor.

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

Efforts to develop and revitalize the Lower Los Angeles River.

OPPOSE

Funding shifts that reduce or fail to allocate South Gate's share allocation.

SEEK FUNDING FOR

Parks projects in support of revitalizing the Lower Los Angeles River.

South Gate Park Community Center Renovation.

South Gate Regional Bikeway Connectivity Program.

Storm Water Quality and Compliance Program.

Roadway improvements for the City's main boulevards.

Park Master Plan implementation.





HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

SUPPORT

Legislation that ensures equitable distribution of vaccines and supplies to expand health care services.

Efforts to offer mental health counseling, homelessness prevention and food distribution programs.

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 and hypertension.

Sustainable living programs.

Actions aimed at lowering the cost to deliver water.

Local control programs for water, watershed and catch basin review and regulation.

SEEK FUNDING FOR

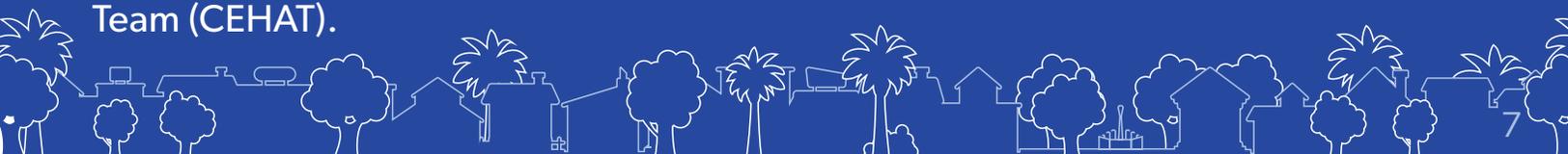
Community wellness programming.

30-acre Urban Orchard Park.

Water conservation, landscape demonstration projects.

Vehicle replacement program.

Conservation and energy efficiency upgrades to City facilities. Addressing health and environmental priorities identified by Community Environmental Health Action Team (CEHAT).





GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

SUPPORT

Employment equity across all functions including recruitment, hiring, training and personnel policies.

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

Legislation that provides for an even distribution of resources 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.



EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES

SUPPORT

Efforts to provide Federal, State and local relief resources for K-12 schools and institutions of higher education.

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

Increasing affordability and accessibility to higher education institutions.

Improving the lives of immigrants and their families.

Initiatives aiming to increase citizenship and voter participation.

Support wage equity and increase access to healthcare.



CIVIC RESOURCES

SUPPORT

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

OPPOSE

Closures to vital community resources not under municipal control.

SEEK FUNDING FOR

South Gate Park Community Center Renovation.





HOUSING

SUPPORT

Rental assistance programs to provide rental relief emergency assistance.

Resources to provide emergency shelters and permanent supportive housing for adults and youth.

Legislation that provides flexibility for cities to exercise local housing control to best address the needs of the community.

Legislation that creates affordable housing and transit-oriented development.

OPPOSE

Any legislation that preempts local land use authority and control.

New program mandates that are unfunded.

SEEK FUNDING FOR

Emergency assistance to help secure housing for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Affordable housing options and programs for vulnerable populations.



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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