

**RESOLUTION NO. 7511**

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SOUTH GATE REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S  
COMMITMENT TO AN OPEN AND TRANSPARENT  
GOVERNMENT AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE RALPH  
M. BROWN ACT WHEN CONDUCTING CITY BUSINESS**

**WHEREAS**, the State of California faces historic budget deficits requiring deep cuts in public programs and services; and

**WHEREAS**, State budget cuts also include cuts in funding for state-mandated programs carried out by local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the State has suspended certain mandated programs in an effort to cut millions of dollars more from California's fiscal 2012-2013 budget; and

**WHEREAS**, a number of these suspensions relieve local governments of the strict legal requirement to carry out previously mandated programs, including certain public noticing provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (the Brown Act), California's open meeting law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brown Act, set forth in California Government Code Section 54950, et seq., requires open and publicized meetings of government and advisory bodies in local government, and allows members of the public to be present and to address the body on issues relevant to the body's authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and City Clerk's Office have a longstanding tradition to provide more than what is minimally required by the Brown Act in their commitment to serving in the best interest of the of public; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council, City Clerk, City Treasurer and City staff have long recognized the critical importance of providing open and transparent government by timely noticing public meetings and adhering to open government laws;

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

**SECTION 1.** The City Council, City Clerk and City Treasurer hereby reaffirm the City's commitment to an open and transparent government and compliance with the Brown Act when conducting City business.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council hereby directs its appointed Committees, City Boards and Commissions, and other City government entities that are currently required to comply with the Brown Act to continue to so, regardless of the suspension of related mandates by the State of California.

**SECTION 3.** The City of South Gate's voluntary compliance with the suspended provisions of the Brown Act shall not be construed to grant any rights or remedies related to any claim of non-compliance with suspended provisions of the Brown Act.

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

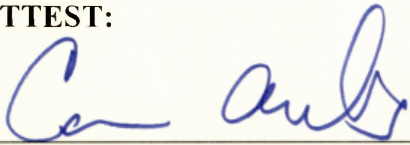
**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 14th day of August, 2012.

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE:**



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W. H. (Bill) De Witt, Mayor

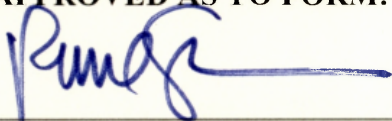
**ATTEST:**



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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

(SEAL)

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



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Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney

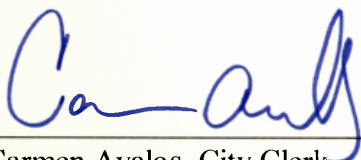
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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**            )  
**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**    )        **SS**  
**CITY OF SOUTH GATE**         )

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. 7511 was adopted by the City Council at their Regular Meeting held on August 14, 2012, by the following vote:

Ayes:            Council Members:    De Witt, Hurtado, Gonzalez, Morales and Davila  
Noes:            Council Members:    None  
Absent:          Council Members:    None  
Abstain:         Council Members:    None

Witness my hand and the seal of said City on September 4, 2012.



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Carmen Avalos, City Clerk  
City of South Gate, California