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South Gate Appoints New Director of Administrative Services

SOUTH GATE, CA- The City of South Gate is pleased to announce the appointment of Wendy O’Kelly as the Administrative Services Director following a nationwide recruitment search. O’Kelly, who has served as the City’s Acting Administrative Services Director since July 2023, will assume the role permanently on Monday, October 23, 2023.

She was hired as the Deputy Director of Administrative Services in July 2022 and focused on implementing policies and procedures that modernize the department with more effective, efficient, and compliant processes. Before joining South Gate, she served in the cities of Redondo Beach, Signal Hill, and Stanton.

“Wendy’s exceptional track record in finance speaks volumes about her ability to navigate complex challenges and deliver sustainable results. We are confident that her forward-thinking approach and extensive experience make her the ideal candidate to lead our Department of Administrative Services,” said South Gate City Manager Chris Jeffers.

O’Kelly has 18 years of experience in providing finance and business solutions in the private and public sectors. During the past 8 years, she has worked solely in local government concentrating on specialty areas like innovation, payroll and labor relations, budget management, and grant management. She has established a unique and complementary blend of experience in finance, business, and software applications.

“Being selected as the Director of Administrative Services for the City of South Gate is a great honor,” said O’Kelly. “I look forward to continuing to work with dedicated staff on financial excellence and providing fiscally sound and sustainable financial plans and budgets that reflect community values and our residents’ concerns.”

O’Kelly is a member of a variety of professional associations including the Government Finance Officers Association, the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers, and Women Leading in Government. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications from Colorado State University and a Master’s degree in Public Administration from Indiana State University.

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