



SOUTH GATE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

**Item 1 is only a discussion item for the student representatives participating in the City's Student Government Day activities.
The City Council will not take action on this item.**

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 5:35 p.m.

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL

W.H. (Bill) De Witt, Mayor
Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

II. City Officials

MAYOR
W.H. (Bill) De Witt

CITY CLERK
Carmen Avalos

VICE MAYOR
Maria Davila

CITY TREASURER
Gregory Martinez

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Maria Belen Bernal
Gil Hurtado
Jorge Morales

CITY MANAGER
Michael Flad

CITY ATTORNEY
Raul F. Salinas

III. Meeting Compensation Disclosure

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54952.3: Disclosure of compensation for meeting attendance by City Council Members is \$600 monthly regardless of the amount of meetings.

IV. Reports, Recommendations and Requests

1. Students Will Provide Staff With Direction Regarding The Proposed Tweedy Boulevard Specific Plan

Student representatives will consider providing input and make recommendations on the proposed Tweedy Boulevard Specific Plan. (ADMIN)

Documents:

[ITEM 1 SPECIAL MTG REPORT 02282017.PDF](#)

V. Proclamations, Certificates, Introductions and Ceremonial Actions

2. Certificates Of Appreciation To Students For Participating In Student Government Day

The City Council will present Certificates of Appreciation to the students that participated in the City's Student Government Day event. (ADMIN)

Documents:

[ITEM 2 SPECIAL MTG REPORT 02282017.PDF](#)

VI. Special Meeting Adjournment

I, Carmen Avalos, City Clerk, certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Meeting Agenda was posted on February 22, 2017 at 2:35 p.m., as required by law.

Carmen Avalos,
City Clerk

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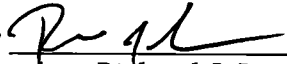
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AGENDA BILL

For the Special Meeting of: February 28, 2017

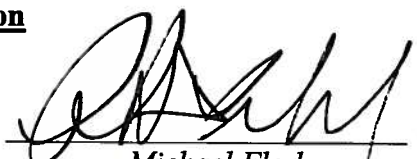
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Richard J. Luna

City Manager:



Michael Flad

**THIS ITEM IS A DISCUSSION TOPIC FOR THE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING
IN THE CITY'S STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY
THE CITY COUNCIL IS NOT TAKING ACTION ON THIS ITEM**

**SUBJECT: PROVIDE INPUT AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PROPOSED
TWEEDY BOULEVARD SPECIFIC PLAN**

PURPOSE: The City Council annually hosts students from the five high schools in South Gate for Student Government Day. Students spend a half day at City Hall meeting with the City Council and City staff. At the conclusion of the event, students conduct a mock City Council Meeting. This year students will conduct a meeting to provide input and make recommendations on the proposed Tweedy Boulevard Specific Plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Student representatives will provide input and make recommendations on the proposed Tweedy Boulevard Specific Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ANALYSIS: A Specific Plan is a regulatory tool that local governments use to implement the General Plan and to guide development in a localized area. While the General Plan is the City's overall guide for growth and development and the Zoning Code is the tool for regulating development in the entire City, a Specific Plan focuses on the unique characteristics of a special area by customizing the planning process and land use regulations to that area.

A Specific Plan is intended to be a tool for developers, property owners, City staff and decision makers by providing strong and clear policies, development standards, and a vision that guides land use decisions, infrastructure improvements, design, and economic development activities in the project area. A Specific Plan should remove constraints to efficient development and encourage desired patterns of activity, land uses and development types.

BACKGROUND: Since January 2014, City staff through the assistance of the Arroyo Group (a consultant Planning firm) has been developing the Tweedy Boulevard Specific Plan. A series of community workshops have been conducted thus far to develop a Public Review Draft of the Tweedy Boulevard Specific Plan. Both City staff and the Arroyo Group are seeking final input from the

community on the proposed plan before it is submitted to the City's Planning Commission and City Council for approval.

Just over three miles in length, Tweedy Boulevard is one of the main commercial corridors in the City. The Specific Plan area is approximately 650 acres in size, and is generally bounded by Indiana Avenue to the north and Michigan Avenue to the south, the City of Los Angeles to the west, and the Los Angeles River to the east.

Tweedy Boulevard contains the area commonly known as "Tweedy Mile," which was, historically, the downtown of South Gate – the place for shopping, dining, entertainment, and recreation. These functions are evident in the provisions for public parking, streetscape enhancements, the historic Allen Theater, the County of Los Angeles Public Library, several older elementary schools, and South Gate Park. Tweedy Mile really was a "complete street" which served as the heart of the City. Unfortunately, Tweedy Mile is no longer serving in this capacity. Over time, incompatible strip commercial development has replaced older buildings along the Boulevard, losing much of the traditional "downtown" character of the street.

The Tweedy Boulevard Specific Plan presents the opportunity to revitalize the heart of the City with a plan that embodies both the best of South Gate's history and its future potential. While Tweedy Boulevard has numerous issues, it presents a tremendous asset and opportunity for the community as a citywide and regional destination.

Prior to the mock meeting, student representatives will hear a presentation and have the opportunity to ask questions from City staff regarding the Tweedy Boulevard Specific Plan. For complete information on the plan students are encouraged to visit <http://tweedy.arroyogroup.com/>.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

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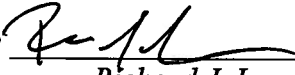
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12:40pm

AGENDA BILL

For the Special Meeting of: February 28, 2017

Originating Department: Administration

Management Analyst: 
Richard J. Luna

City Manager: 
Michael Flad

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION FOR THE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY

PURPOSE: This item was added to the Agenda for the City Council to recognize the students who participated in today's Student Government Day.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Mayor W.H. (Bill) De Witt will present Certificates of Appreciation to the students that participated in the City's Student Government Day event.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ANALYSIS: None.

BACKGROUND: Student Government Day is an annual event where students from the City's local high schools spend a half day at City Hall meeting and job shadowing City staff. The day concludes with the students conducting their own City Council Meeting.

This year the City invited students from South Gate, South East and Legacy High Schools to participate in the one day event. A representative from each of the schools served as a City Council Member for the day. Students also served as the City Clerk, City Treasurer, City Manager, City Attorney and Department Directors.

ATTACHMENTS: None.