

RESOLUTION NO. 7545

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SOUTH GATE IN SUPPORT OF
CALIFORNIA ENTERPRISE ZONES**

WHEREAS, the California Enterprise Zone program was established in 1984, by the Legislature to stimulate business investment in depressed areas of the State and to create job opportunities for Californians; and

WHEREAS, according to the findings and declarations of the Enterprise Zone Act, it is in the economic interest of the State to have one strong, combined, and business-friendly incentive program to help attract business and industry to the State, to help retain and expand existing State business and industry, and to create increased job opportunities for all Californians; and

WHEREAS, once an Enterprise Zone is established, businesses construct facilities, purchase equipment, hire workers and make other investments; and

WHEREAS, the cities of South Gate and Lynwood formed a sub-regional partnership as the South Gate-Lynwood Enterprise Zone established on November 3, 2006; and

WHEREAS, since 2009, the annual unemployment rate in the City of South Gate has averaged nearly 15.5%, with an annual high of 16% in 2010; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Association of Enterprise Zones, in 2010, more than 118,000 jobs were created while California experienced unprecedented unemployment rates; and

WHEREAS, during the period between 2009 through 2013, the South Gate-Lynwood Enterprise Zone created and retained additional jobs; and

WHEREAS, the South Gate-Lynwood Enterprise Zone is the City of South Gate's last remaining formal economic development incentive program; and

WHEREAS, every potential new business in discussions with the City of South Gate have inquired about the Enterprise Zone; and

WHEREAS, Enterprise Zones provide a geographically targeted economic development tool designed to improve poor and blighted communities;

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

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby formally supports the positive benefits of the Enterprise Zone Program in the local communities and on a statewide economic level.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and staff to communicate its support of Enterprise Zones and opposition to any proposal that would threaten its existence.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of the Resolution which shall be effective upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED on this 26th day of **February, 2013.**

CITY OF SOUTH GATE:



W.H. (Bill) De Witt, Mayor

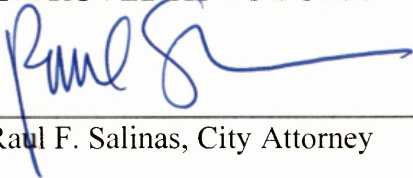
ATTEST:



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney

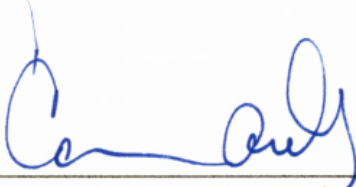
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) **SS**
CITY OF SOUTH GATE)

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. 7545 was adopted by the City Council at their Regular Meeting held on February 26, 2013, 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 March 4, 2013.



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk
City of South Gate, California