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Subject: Political Signs

Dear 2020 Council Candidate:

With the approach of Election Day, and as we begin our 2020 Election Cycle, it is imperative that you are aware of the provisions of the South Gate Municipal Code related to placement of signs, including campaign signs, in the public right of way of the City of South Gate and to request your cooperation and that of your supporters, in complying with the City's laws.

Section 11.31.070 of the South Gate Municipal Code states the following;

- 5. Political signs.** Signs associated with a candidate for elected office, political party or ballot measure, or which makes a political statements do not require a permit;
- a. Size shall not exceed thirty —two square feet in sign area in commercial and industrial zones.
 - b. Height shall not exceed six feet in a residential zone, or eight feet in commercial or industrial zone.
 - c. Location: not less than five feet inside the property line in residential zones.
 - d. Limitations: shall be non-illuminated signs, shall have the consent of the property owner, **political signs shall be installed no earlier than ninety days (90) before and shall be removed no later than five (5)days after that election**

11.31 .050 Prohibited signs

2. Any sign and supports other than those signs and supports required by governmental authority, or for which an encroachment permit has been issued, which are located on the public right-of-way, including sidewalks, public streets, alleys, and parkways.

11.31.060 NO Signs in the public right-of-way

Political banners, signs or placards **are not allowed** on highway right of way, and shall be summarily removed upon discovery.

11 .31 .030 Definitions

(50)" Political sign" shall mean a temporary non commercial sign that shall be permitted on private property in any zone for a reasonable period of time preceding an election.

In a nutshell, South Gate Municipal Code make it unlawful for any person to place or maintain any sign, in the public street right-of-way. This section prohibits the placement of campaign signs anywhere in the street right-of-way including, but no limited to, the parkway, median, street trees, utility poles, guy wires, traffic signals and areas qualifying as traditional public places, such as streets, parks and sidewalks.

Should you need further clarification, please contact the Office of the City Clerk.

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