



**Maria Davila**  
Mayor

# City of South Gate

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August 9, 2011

Board of Supervisors/Boundary Review Committee  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors/Boundary Review Committee:

I write to you today concerning the redistricting plans currently under consideration which would affect supervisorial district lines in Los Angeles County. The City Council has expressed its concerns to the California Citizen's Redistricting Commission to ensure that district boundaries are consistent with the common interests and needs of neighboring communities. Attached for your consideration is a Resolution unanimously passed by the City Council expressing these concerns.

Sincerely,

/s/

Maria Davila  
Mayor

Cc: City Council, City Manager, City Attorney

Attachment: South Gate Resolution #7433

**RESOLUTION NO. 7433**

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE  
REQUESTING THE CALIFORNIA CITIZEN'S REDISTRICTING COMMISSION TO  
RECONSIDER PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS**

**WHEREAS**, the California Citizen's Redistricting Commission has recently released maps for new Congressional, State Senate and State Assembly Districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of South Gate is bordered by the Cities of Lynwood, Paramount, Downey, Cudahy, Bell, Huntington Park, Los Angeles and parts of unincorporated Los Angeles County; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of South Gate is a member of the Gateway Cities Council of Government, which is comprised of 28 cities which are located alongside or nearby the 710 Freeway Corridor;

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the COG is to work collaboratively with other member cities on any number of transportation, environmental, state regulatory and federal funding opportunities;

**WHEREAS**, the City of South Gate is among the largest of those cities and is an integral leader within those communities: and

**WHEREAS**, the City of South Gate's future will be largely impacted by transportation and environmental issues and needs to assure that its interests are being collectively represented by state and federal elected officials whose municipal bodies within those district share a community of interests; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of South Gate has a substantially reduced almost non-existent community of interest with the Cities of Inglewood, Monterey Park, Arcadia, San Marino, and the like which are cities currently included within the Congressional and State Senatorial Districts;

**WHEREAS**, the current proposed district boundaries are inconsistent with the common interests and needs of the communities along the 710 Corridor (henceforth Gateway Cities) in Southeast Los Angeles County. The Gateway Cities share common resources and face similar regional issues, including regional policing activities, transportation, education and commerce, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of South Gate has been working extensively with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and other Gateway Cities along the I-710 Corridor Project. The Long Beach Freeway (I-710) is a vital transportation corridor linking the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles with the major Southern California distribution centers and intermodal rail facilities. Other regional transportation issues such as the Orangeline Authority and other intermodal transportation programs link the region whereas disparate legislative boundaries make regional

transportation efforts significantly more difficult, and

**WHEREAS**, students in the City of South Gate attend schools in the Downey, Los Angeles, Lynwood and Paramount School Districts. Additionally, the City of South Gate and the six neighboring cities of Bell, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Maywood and Vernon formed the Southeast Cities Schools Coalition. The purpose of the organization is to advance and improve educational outcomes and opportunities of students attending the Los Angeles Unified School District, and

**WHEREAS**, the District lines should be redrawn to take into full and complete considerations of these commonalities and needs, of which the proposed district lines do not reflect; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of South Gate is not advocating for one particular Member of Congress, State Senator or Member of the State Assembly, but for proposed boundaries that reflect the commonalities of the Gateway Cities and will maximize our ability for economic development through enterprise zones, regional transportation projects and education.

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

**SECTION 1.** The City Council does hereby request the California Citizen's Redistricting Commission to reconsider proposed legislative districts.

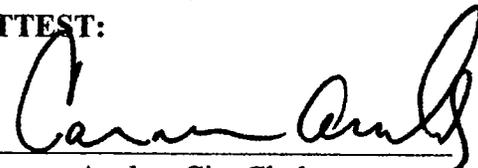
**SECTION 2.** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution, which shall be effective upon its adoption.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2011.

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE:**

  
Maria Davila, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Carmen Avalos, City Clerk

(Seal)

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney

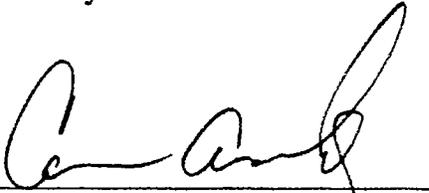
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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA        )**  
**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    )     SS**  
**CITY OF SOUTH GATE         )**

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. 7433 was adopted by the City Council at their Regular Meeting held on June 14, 2011, by the following vote:

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

Witness my hand and the seal of said City on June 16, 2011.



Carmen Avalos, City Clerk  
City of South Gate, California