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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Conny B. McCormack, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

**REPORT ON CITY OF SOUTH GATE RECALL ELECTION  
JANUARY 28, 2003**

**Background**

As we have reported to you over the past months, the California Legislature in 2002 took special action to remove election authority for special elections from local officials in the City of South Gate during the period of 2003 and 2004. Upon your Board's motion accepting that responsibility from the Legislature, our Department has made preparations to conduct a Special Recall Election for the City of South Gate on January 28, 2003.

**Election Parameters and Staff Preparation**

The City of South Gate has 26,900 registered voters (as of the 15-day close of registration). They will cast ballots at 15 polling places throughout the City. Three Council members and the City Treasurer appear on the recall ballot, as well as seven measures placed on the ballot by the City Council. (Copy of ballot attached for reference.) Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

We have staffed the polling places in South Gate with a combination of local residents who have served as pollworkers in County elections, and our own experienced staff of Election Day coordinators and Polls Division staff.

Meetings have been held between our staff, the County Sheriff, the South Gate Police Department and representatives of the Secretary of State's Elections Fraud Divisions to insure that all parties understand their roles on election day. Election procedural questions will, if necessary, be referred to the Secretary of State staff who will be in the City of South Gate for that purpose.

Because this is a County-conducted election, all ballots and other election materials will be transported to our office on election night following the close of polls. Our staff will conduct the tally and election results will be released on our website and by telephone.

### **Post-Election Events**

If the officers listed on the ballot are recalled by the voters and new officers elected, election law states that the recall is effective as of the date when the election results are certified. We anticipate certifying the election and requesting the Board of Supervisors to declare the results on Tuesday, February 4, 2003. The new officers will then be installed in their respective posts in the City.

### **Conclusion**

Attached is an abbreviated fact sheet regarding the January 28, 2003 Recall Election in South Gate. In you have any questions, please call me or Chief Deputy Kristin Heffron at (562) 462-2883.

c: David Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments



**Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk  
Fact Sheet  
January 28, 2003  
City of South Gate  
Recall and Special Election  
(Revised 1-27-03)**

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk (RR/CC) will be conducting the South Gate City Recall and Special Election on January 28, 2003. The purpose of the Recall Election is to determine whether Maria Benavides, Raul Moriel, and Xochilt Ruvalcaba (Council Members) and Albert Robles (City Treasurer) shall be recalled from office and for electing a successor to each office in the event recall prevails for that officer. The Special Election will be held in consolidation with Recall Election on Tuesday, January 28, 2003, for the purpose of submitting to the voters seven (7) measures (see attachment).

**STATISTICAL INFORMATION**

Ballot Group:	001
Precincts:	15
Precinct Officers:	60
Poll Hours:	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Registration:	26,940 (15 day close)
Permanente AV:	634 (as of 01/22/03)
Absentee ballot applications received:	2,392 (as of 01/22/03)

**VOTES NEEDED TO ELECT CANDIDATE**

A majority of votes (50% + 1 vote) is needed to recall. If recall prevails, the candidate with the most votes is elected as successor for remainder of term.

**VOTES NEEDED TO PASS MEASURES**

A majority of votes (50% + 1 vote) is needed for passage of measure A-F. Measure G is an advisory vote only.

**TERM OF OFFICE**

On Monday, February 3, 2003, the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk is scheduled to certify the election results. On Tuesday, February 4, 2003, the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to declare the election results official. If recall(s) prevails, the South Gate City Council is responsible for installing the newly elected officers.

**UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS ON JANUARY 28**

On election night, unofficial cumulative results for the South Gate City Recall Election will be available by calling the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk at the telephone numbers listed below. Unofficial absentee voting results will be available by approximately 8:15 p.m. As precincts arrive, results will be updated continuing until all precincts have been processed. The results will be posted on the Internet web site listed below and on the internal Intranet system. Many absentee voters wait until the last minute to make their voting choices and then drop off their absentee ballots at a polling place on election day. These ballots will be processed between January 29-31. All absentee ballots must be pre-processed before they are counted – this includes verifying every absentee voter's signature prior to opening the absentee ballot envelopes to remove the ballots in preparation for counting.

Telephone Numbers:

Public (562) 466-1310

Media (562) 462-2648 or 462-2726

Internet Web site:

[www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net)