

Council Member Maria Davila



Council Experience

Maria Davila was first elected to the South Gate City Council on January 28, 2003, and was re-elected for 4-year terms in 2003, 2007, 2011, and 2015. On April 11, 2017, Council Member Davila was selected to serve as Mayor for a 1-year term. Council Member Davila has also served as Mayor in 2006 and 2011. As a member of the City Council, she shares responsibilities with the City Council to set policies and goals for the community.

Personal Life

Council Member Davila was born in Michoacán, Mexico and immigrated to the United States when she was a child. She attended Bell Graham Elementary School, South Gate Junior High School, South Gate High School and graduated from Gary High School in Pomona. Council Member Davila married and returned to South Gate where she has resided for the past 35 years. She is a proud mother of 4 children, all of whom attended Los Angeles Unified School District schools in South Gate.

Council Member Davila takes special interest as a mother and Council Member in the betterment of the lives of children by shepherding the development and maintenance of South Gate educational and recreational programs for all in the community.

Volunteer Work

Council Member Davila's involvement in her children's education was very important to her and fueled her drive and commitment to improving the education systems in South Gate. She was a member of the School Site Council, Title 1, Bilingual Committee, a Magnet Representative, and a Healthy Start Parent Representative for San Miguel Avenue Elementary School. Council Member Davila has been a parent volunteer since 1994, volunteers in her children's former schools and continues to serve as a member of the South Gate Middle School PTA. She also participates in various community events and organizations.

Council Member Davila was employed with Human Services Association for 6 years where she worked as a Medi-Cal Outreach worker, Medi-Cal Outreach Coordinator, and as the Medi-Cal Outreach Ombudsman for 1 year.

Committees & Boards Served

Council Member Davila serves on the following Committees and Boards: Southeast Cities School Coalition, Chair origin to present

Padres Unidos Por-Nuevas Escuelas, 1999 to present

South Gate Multi-Cultural Women's Club since 1998 to present, President 2012-14 & 2016-present

District 6 Parent Community Advisory Council, 2-year term

Student Attendance Review Board, 2003 to 2016

PTA Pacific Council, President 2005-2006

Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control Board of Directors, 2004 – 2017

Southeast Water Coalition, 2008 to present, Chairperson 2014, 2-year term

ECO-Rapid Transportation (OLDA) Joint Powers since 2004 - present, Vice Chairperson, Chair 2015-17

School Safety Collaborative, 2004 to present

Hub Cities Consortium, 2008 to 2016
Gateway Cities Council of Governments, 2005 to present
Independent Cities Association (ICA), 2005 to present

Awards & Honors

2006 Woman of the Year, former Senator Martha Escutia
2006 Bringing the Pasitos Program to South Gate Families, Human Services Association
2008 Spirit of Service Award, Human Services Association
2008 Dulcinea Award, Embracing Latinas Leadership Alliance (ELLA)
2013 Supporter of programs award, South Gate Police Officers Association
Leadership and dedication award, former LAUSD Board Member David Tokofsky

Council Member Davila was awarded plaques for her dedicated support to the students, faculty and parents at South Gate Middle School, San Gabriel Avenue School and Southeast High School.

Shopping Center Success

Council Member Davila takes pride in being part of the instrumental success of the azalea Regional Shopping Center development - the 1st major development to be built in the region following the recession, and features the largest outdoor installation of "Living Walls." The shopping center has generated over 1,000 new jobs and features the largest concentration of new nation brand restaurants in the city.

Hobbies and Interests

When Council Member Davila is not busy with Council related work or volunteering, she enjoys spending time with her husband and children, playing with her dog, shopping, going to the movies and reading.