



On October 26, 2006, the **Azalea Society of America** certified the City of South Gate, California, as an ASA Azalea City. The award is reserved for those municipalities that have shown by example their commitment to displaying and making azaleas a key focus in the lifestyle of the city through festivals, public and private gardens, beautification, and landscape awards.

The City of South Gate has adopted the azalea as its official flower since 1965 and uses its image in the official “All American City” seal in various publications, letterhead and business cards. To further strengthen their standing, the community conducts an annual Azalea Festival, selects an “Azalea Queen” from among senior citizens who have demonstrated community service.

The City of South Gate has successfully met and exceeded all the requirements for membership into the roll of ASA Azalea Cities and the society welcomes their earned status. The ASA Journal, *The Azalean*, will publish this grand award and make space available for yearly publication of special azalea featured events in South Gate.