



# City of South Gate

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### **JUDGE THROWS OUT LAWSUIT AGAINST THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE**

Ousted former City Treasurer and Deputy City Manager Albert T. Robles' lawsuit against the City of South Gate was dismissed by a Superior Court Judge on Friday, June 22.

Robles, who was recalled by voters in a contentious recall election in January of 2003, was indicted, tried and convicted of various federal crimes for his role in influencing the award of City contracts. He is currently serving a ten year sentence in prison.

Robles had sued the City in June of 2005 claiming that the City wrongfully terminated him from his position as Deputy City Manager. The City asked Judge Raul Sahagun to throw out the lawsuit on the basis that Robles' employment agreement with the City was invalid because the contract violated a conflict of interest statute and that the City had other compelling reasons to terminate Robles from his City job.

The judge agreed with the City's position and ruled that Robles employment agreement with the City was void and that the City had the right to terminate Robles' employment agreement based on, among other things, Robles' criminal conviction.

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