

**2ND ANNUAL
“A TASTE OF SELA”
INSTALLATION BANQUET**



SOUTH GATE AUDITORIUM

**4940 SOUTHERN AVE.
SOUTH GATE, CA**

NOVEMBER 21, 2025



It is with great pride and heartfelt gratitude that I welcome you to the 2nd Annual Taste of SELA! Tonight, we gather not only to enjoy incredible food, but to celebrate the rich tapestry of cultures, traditions and stories that make Southeast Los Angeles such a vibrant community.

Our neighborhoods are home to a remarkable blend of people and flavors - from the bold spices of Mexican and Central American kitchens, to soulful Southern classics, to the creative fusion dishes born right here in our own backyards. Every plate tells a story of migration, resilience, and community. In Southeast L.A., food is more than nourishment — it is identity, memory, and connection.

As you taste your way through this evening, I invite you to reflect on what makes our region so special: the small family restaurants that anchor our blocks, the home cooks keeping generational recipes alive, and the young chefs reimagining tradition for a new era. Together, they represent the heart and flavor of SELA — diverse, dynamic, and deeply proud.

Thank you for joining us in this celebration of culture, community, and cuisine. May this evening remind us that every meal shared brings us closer together.

With warm regards,
MARIO BELTRAN
President, SELA Kiwanis



SIN PERMISO: ¡PERDÓNAME!

ART EXHIBIT

CURATED BY GABRIELA GOMEZ

BOARD MEMBER, SELA KIWANIS

6:00 P.M.

WELCOME

MARIO BELTRAN

PRESIDENT, SELA KIWANIS

6:30 P.M.

FOOD TASTINGS

SAMPLINGS OF SELA EATERIES

6:35 P.M.

YEAR IN REVIEW

JOSHUA BARRON

PAST PRESIDENT, SELA KIWANIS

7:05 P.M.

INSTALLATION OF BOARD

DOUGLAS HALL

LT. GOVERNOR, KIWANIS REGION 13

7:15 P.M.



SELA KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

JOHANN CRUZ TREJO - SOUTH GATE HIGH SCHOOL

DIEGO JARA - SOUTH GATE HIGH SCHOOL

KIMBERLY ORELLANA - STEM LEGACY HIGH SCHOOL

ANDREA ORTEGON - BELL GARDENS HIGH SCHOOL

JAZLYN VELASCO - SOUTH GATE HIGH SCHOOL

7:25 P.M.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARDS

PARKWEST BICYCLE CASINO

SOUTH GATE KIWANIS

RUN MONTEBELLO RUN

LABOR AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

BASIN BOMBERS SOCIAL CLUB

7:35 P.M.

DIGNITARIES AND PRESENTATIONS

VARIOUS SELA

DIGNITARIES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

7:45 P.M.

CLOSING REMARKS

MARIO BELTRAN

PRESIDENT, SELA KIWANIS

8:00 P.M.



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THANK YOU!!!