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## **THOUSANDS GATHER TO CELEBRATE TORRANCE'S CENTENNIAL**

Torrance, Calif., Sept. 16, 2012 – On September 16, 2012, the Torrance Community gathered for a Downtown Community Parade culminating with the new Centennial Plaza Dedication and Time Capsule Ceremony. The non-motorized parade started at noon on Post Ave. with the Wells Fargo Stagecoach leading a pack of over 80 parade entries. Torrance High School Bands, Torrance elected officials and local businesses were among the entries. The parade ended at Cravens Ave., in front of the new Centennial Plaza at El Prado Park.

At 2 p.m. Torrance Councilwoman Susan M. Rhilinger welcomed everyone to the Centennial Plaza Dedication and Time Capsule Ceremony. Mayor Frank Scotto dedicated the new circular designed plaza to the community stating that it, “symbolizes the great balanced city we share as a community.” Following a reading of an original poem entitled “Our Torrance Centennial,” by resident Sally Jo Kinsey, the Centennial Time Capsule Lid was revealed to the audience by Centennial Chair, Dr. Laurie Love and Former Mayor and Centennial Vice Chair, Dee Hardison. After a ceremonial cake cutting, guests were free to look for their commemorative personalized brick that they purchased to help finance the construction of the plaza.

\*Photos Attached

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