

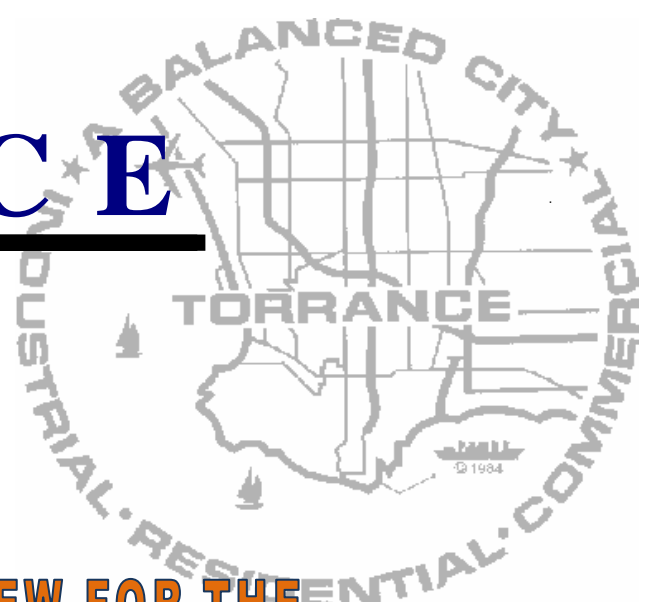
# T O R R A N C E



## Press Release

Police Department

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## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR THE URBAN COYOTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

On November 27, 2018, Torrance City Council authorized the City staff to undertake the environmental review necessary to consider an amendment to the Urban Coyote Management Plan which was established in 2016. The amendment would include:

- Instituting a five-month active trapping season from October to March every year.
- Revising the strategy of trapping coyotes in problem locations to trapping coyotes in a geographical area where dangerous coyote behavior is reported.
- Hiring a part-time, civilian coyote management staff assistant.
- Establishing intensive education and outreach.

A California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) study / checklist is in progress to assess any environmental impacts associated with the amendments. The initial study will be circulated for a 30-day Public Review Period once it is completed.

The Police Department is also working closely with the Cable and Community Relations Department to enhance citizen interactions when reporting coyote sightings. Interactive Communication Officers are currently staffing a 24-hour Coyote Hotline, and the Torrance City smartphone application has been updated so residents can send photographs of problem coyotes directly from their mobile devices. These improvements are geared to provide residents additional platforms to report coyote activity.

24-HOUR COYOTE HOTLINE

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