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The Torrance Youth Council is an advisory body to the City Council that meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.

**TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M. WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM**

**THE TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM  
LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL:** Council members Berga, A Choi, J Choi , Cruze, Ernst, Gounder, Han, Ho, Kang, Kantisiri, Kim, Lee, Miyazato, Phan, Sharma, Suk, Thai, Yalla

**2. FLAG SALUTE:** Youth Council Member Berga

**INSPIRATIONAL BY:** Youth Council Member Phan

**3. REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 30 minute period)**

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for public comment on items on the agenda or on topics of interest to the general public. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Commissioners cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Speakers under this Public Comment period will have no longer than 3 minutes per speaker. Speakers please turn off or leave your cellular phone when you come to the podium to speak.*

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.*

**6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 1, 2023 and February 15, 2023**

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**7A. Student Body – Accept and File Updates Regarding Events and Activities at Each Torrance School** - Recommendation of the Community Services Director that Torrance Youth Council accept and file updates concerning:

- Bishop Montgomery
- CAMS
- North High School
- South High School
- Torrance High School
- West High School

**7B. Discussion – Joint Council/Commission Meetings**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council:

- 1) Discuss what Torrance Youth Council is working on, has accomplished, and other information they would like to share during the joint Council/Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, at 4:30 p.m.

**7C. Youth Council Member – Provide Updates and Information Regarding Meetings of the City Council and Various City Commissions.**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council:

- 1) Report on any meetings attended; and
- 2) Discuss and share information; and
- 3) Assign Council members for upcoming meetings.

**7D. Discussion – Committee Updates**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council:

- 1) Report and update on any committee meetings; and
- 2) Discuss and share information; and
- 3) Assign dates and time for upcoming meetings.

**7E. Discussion – ATTIC Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser Event**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council discuss and prepare for the Saturday, April 1, event:

- 1) Ticket Sales (One Book of 25 tickets @ \$5/ea. Per Commissioner)
- 2) Entertainment (Each Commissioner to provide one performance act)
- 3) Volunteer shifts (6:30am-9am AND/OR 8:30am-11:30am)

**7F. Discussion and Approval – Beat the Odds Scholarship**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council discuss Beat the Odds approval of funding for the 2023 “Beat the Odds Scholarship Program.”

**8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2 – Youth Council/Staff**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

- 9A.** Adjournment of the Torrance Youth Council Meeting to TUESDAY, March 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the George Nakano Theater; 3330 Civic Center Dr.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Torrance Youth Council was called to order by Chairperson Khushi Sharma at 7:03 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2023. The meeting was held in West Annex Commission Meeting Room at Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90503.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Berga, A. Choi, J. Choi, Ernst, Gounder, Han, Ho, Kang, Kim, Lee, Miyazato, Suk, Thai, Yalla and Chairperson Sharma.

ABSENT: Cruze, Kantisiri, and Phan

STAFF: Jesus Castro, Senior Recreation Supervisor

**2. FLAG SALUTE AND INSPIRATIONAL**

Flag Salute: Youth Councilmember Berga

Inspirational: Youth Councilmember Han

**3. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE THE REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Youth Councilmember Kim moved to accept and file the Affidavit of Agenda Posting of the Youth Council meeting of February 1, 2023. Youth Councilmember Yalla seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 15-0 (absent Youth councilmembers Cruze, Kantisiri, and Phan).

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN DEFERRED AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

None.

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 2, 2022 and August 22, 2022**

**MOTION:** Youth Councilmember Thai moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2022 meeting as submitted. Youth Councilmember Ho seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 15-0 (absent Youth councilmembers Cruze, Kantisiri, and Phan).

**MOTION:** Youth Councilmember Thai moved to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2022 meeting as amended. Item 1: Change Acing to Acting. Item 6A: Change improve to improv. Youth Councilmember Ho seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 15-0 (absent Youth councilmembers Cruze, Kantisiri, and Phan).

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

7A. **Student Body – Accept and File Updates Regarding Events and Activities at Each Torrance School**

Update reports provided for each of the Torrance Schools.

**MOTION:** Youth Councilmember Ho moved to accept and file the oral reports from each school; Youth Councilmember Berga seconded, a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 15-0 (absent Youth councilmembers Cruze, Kantisiri, and Phan).

7B. **Discussion – Joint Council/Commission Meetings**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council discuss the joint meeting with the City Council to highlight what the Youth Council is working on, has accomplished, and other information they would like to share with the Council at a Tuesday meeting at 4:30 pm.

7C. **Youth Council Member –Provide Updates and Information Regarding Meetings of the City Council and Various City Commissions**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council oral reports:

City Council Report **1/24/23**- Youth Councilmembers Kang, J. Choi, Yalla, and Sharma

The Council discussed the Torrance Police Department \$10,000 donation, the noise pollution issue, Marines received an award for apprehending jewelry thieves, and police funding for body cameras.

ASSIGNMENTS: **2/7/23** – Youth Councilmembers Kim, Ernst, Gounder, Yalla, Kang and Suk

Library Commission Report – None.

ASSIGNMENTS: None.

Parks and Recreation Commission Report – None.

ASSIGNMENTS: **2/8/23** – Youth Councilmembers Thai, Han, Ho, Kantisiri and Ernst

7D. **Committee Updates –**

ASB Bowl / City Council: Next meeting will take place on February 15, 2023 to go over new ideas and timelines.

Senior Events: Four Youth Councilmembers will be attending Senior Tech Day, if less than 12 volunteers attend; the event will be postponed to February 18, 2023.

**MOTION:** Youth Councilmember Kim moved to accept and file the oral report; Youth Councilmember Ernst seconded, a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 15-0 (absent Youth councilmembers Cruze, Kantisiri, and Phan).

Youth Forum / Community Outreach: New date is moved to March 21, 2023 at 5:30 pm, publicity plan was discussed, an event timeline will be set next meeting, the RSVP form is being worked on and the approval of letter to the mayor will be needed by next meeting.

Beat the Odds: General overview, letter with information about Beat the Odds will be reviewed, the Youth Council needs to advertise, the next meeting will be held February 15, 2023 at 6:20 p.m. The deadline is March 13, 2023.

Publicity: None.

AAC: "Happy to Chat" bench checkup.

**MOTION:** Youth Councilmember Berga moved to accept and file the oral report; Youth Councilmember Thai seconded, a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 15-0 (absent Youth councilmembers Cruze, Kantisiri, and Phan).

**8. COUNCIL ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

- Ensure to notify Mr. Castro and Ms. Escalante of absences.
- Centenarian Award Nominations and Older American Award applications.
- Bruster's gathering after the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**9A. Adjournment of the Torrance Youth Council meeting to Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Commission Meeting Room at City Hall West Annex, 3031 Torrance Blvd.**

**MOTION:** Youth Councilmember Ho moved to adjourn the meeting to February 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Commission Meeting Room at City Hall – West Annex, 3031 Torrance Blvd. Youth Councilmember Kim seconded; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 15-0 (absent Youth councilmembers Cruze, Kantisiri, and Phan).

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**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: \*Berga, A. Choi, J. Choi, \*\*Cruze, Gounder, Han, Kang, Kantisiri, Kim, \*\*\*Phan, Suk, Thai, Yalla and Chairperson Sharma.

ABSENT: Ernst, Ho, Lee and Miyazato

STAFF: Jesus Castro, Senior Recreation Supervisor

\*Youth Councilmember Berga arrived at 7:33 p.m.

\*\*Youth Councilmember Cruze excused at 8:05 p.m.

\*\*\*Youth Councilmember Phan excused at 7:15 p.m.

**2. FLAG SALUTE AND INSPIRATIONAL**

Flag Salute: Youth Councilmember Kang

Inspirational: Youth Councilmember Phan

**3. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE THE REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Youth Councilmember Yalla moved to accept and file the Affidavit of Agenda Posting of the Youth Council meeting of February 15, 2023. Youth Councilmember Kantisiri seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 13-0 (absent Youth councilmembers Ernst, Ho, Lee, Miyazato, and Berga).

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN DEFERRED AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

None.

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 18, 2023**

**MOTION:** Youth Councilmember Kim moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2023 meeting as amended. Item 1: Remove Cruze, Gounder Suk and Yalla from the “Present” section. Youth Councilmember Kang seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 13-0 (absent Youth councilmembers Ernst, Ho, Lee, Miyazato, and Berga).

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**7A. Student Body – Accept and File Updates Regarding Events and Activities at Each Torrance School**

Update reports provided for each of the Torrance Schools.

**MOTION:** Youth Councilmember Kang moved to accept and file the oral reports from each school; Youth Councilmember Kim seconded, a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 13-0 (absent Youth councilmembers Ernst, Ho, Lee, Miyazato, and Berga).

**7B. Discussion – Joint Council/Commission Meetings**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council discuss the joint meeting with the City Council to highlight what the Youth Council is working on, has accomplished, and other information they would like to share with the Council at a Tuesday meeting at 4:30 pm.

**7C. Youth Council Member –Provide Updates and Information Regarding Meetings of the City Council and Various City Commissions**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council oral reports:

City Council Report **2/7/23**- Youth Councilmembers Kim, Yalla, Kang, J. Choi, and Suk

A Japanese American collection will be included in the library, Councilmember Kaji discussed Assembly Bill 2348 to promote California infrastructure, and Michael Smith answered questions on the remaking of the City logo.

ASSIGNMENTS: **2/28/23** – Youth Councilmembers Sharma, Han, Kang, Gounder, A. Choi, Suk, and Thai

Library Commission Report – None.

ASSIGNMENTS: **3/13/23**- Youth Councilmembers Kantisiri and Yalla

Parks and Recreation Commission Report – **2/8/23**- Youth Councilmember Ho

Lago Seco Park batting cages meeting, Public discussion on dog park will be held 2/25, commissioners are preparing for joint City Council meeting.

ASSIGNMENTS: **3/8/23** – Youth Councilmembers Kantisiri and J. Choi

**7D. Committee Updates –**

ASB Bowl / City Council: Timeline was established and game ideas were discussed, next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Senior Events: Successful turnout, next event will take place 3/4/23. South High will bring volunteers; next meeting will be held at 6:50 p.m.

Youth Forum / Community Outreach: Finalized date is 3/21/23, RSVP will be changed, next meeting will be held at 6:40 p.m.

Beat the Odds: The Banquet date is 5/11/23, a presentation and agenda is being worked on, and scholarship funding was discussed. Next meeting will be held at 6:20 p.m.

**MOTION:** Youth Councilmember Sharma moved to accept and file the oral report; Youth Councilmember Berga seconded, a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 13-0 (absent Youth councilmembers Ernst, Ho, Lee, Miyazato, and Phan).

Publicity: Collaborate with Beat the Odds to publicize.

AAC: No meeting was held. Ensure to be present at The Attic meeting held the first Monday of every month at 6:20 p.m.

**MOTION:** Youth Councilmember Yalla moved to accept and file the oral report; Youth Councilmember Thai seconded, a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 13-0 (absent Youth councilmembers Ernst, Ho, Lee, Miyazato, and Phan).

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**8. COUNCIL ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

- The Attic waiver for Youth Forum
- Cherry Blossom Cultural Festival needs volunteers
- Submit Council reports
- Suk: Donation Drive for The Attic on 2/22/2023
- Kim: Chess Tournament at West High on 3/25/23
- Sharma: Multicultural dance at West High on 2/17/23

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**9A. Adjournment of the Torrance Youth Council meeting to Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Commission Meeting Room at City Hall West Annex, 3031 Torrance Blvd.**

**MOTION:** Youth Councilmember Kang moved to adjourn the meeting to March 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Commission Meeting Room at City Hall – West Annex, 3031 Torrance Blvd. Youth Councilmember Berga seconded; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 12-0 (absent Youth councilmembers Ernst, Ho, Lee, Miyazato, Cruze and Phan).

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