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**TORRANCE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION AGENDA  
AUGUST 03, 2023  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M. IN WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
AT 3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD  
TORRANCE, CA 90503**

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMISSION MAY  
TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL:** Commission members: Gunnar, Hill, Jendrucko, Love, Montoya, Seferian, and Chair Stecker

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

**3. REPORT OF THE STAFF 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, July 27, 2023.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 15-minute period)**

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for comments on items on the Consent Calendar or not on the agenda. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Commission 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. **No longer than 1 minute per speaker.** If presenting handout material to Commission, please provide 10 copies to staff before speaking.*

**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. Approve Commission Minutes: July 06, 2023**

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**7A. PRESENTATION-Climate Smart Award Recipient Kathleen Cole Torrance Unified School District**

**7B. PRESENTATION-Climate Smart Award Recipient Jackie Parker Torrance Memorial Medical Center**

**7C. ELECTIONS OF COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON**

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission nominate and elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**9. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**10A.** Adjournment of Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission Meeting to Thursday, September 07, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.

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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TORRANCE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY COMMISSION**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission convened in a regular session at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, July 6, 2023, in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Gunnar, Hill, Jendrucko, Love, Seferian, and Chair Stecker.

Absent: Commissioner Montoya.

Also Present: Staff Liaison Nora Duncan and Community Development Director Michelle Ramirez.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Love moved to excuse the absence of Commissioner Montoya. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a 5-0 approval (Commissioners Montoya and Seferian absent).

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Hill led The Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

Staff Liaison Duncan reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

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

Staff Liaison Duncan reported a Supplemental: correspondence for Item 7A that was received after the Agenda was posted.

Commissioner Seferian joined the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

A member of the public spoke.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 1, 2023**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Seferian moved to approve the June 1, 2023, minutes as presented. Commissioner Love seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a 6-0 approval (Commissioner Montoya absent).

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**7A. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT SMOKING IN AND AROUND MULTI UNIT RESIDENCES**

Discuss and provide comments on the proposed ordinance and adopt a resolution recommending the City Council add Chapter 19 to Division 4 of the Torrance Municipal Code.

Community Development Director Ramirez presented Item 7A.

- On February 2, 2023, staff reintroduced the proposed Ordinance to the Commission; per discussion and decision of the Commission, staff prepared a draft Ordinance that would prohibit smoking in and around multi-unit residences with two or more units.
- The purpose of the Ordinance is to prohibit smoking in and around multi-unit residences to protect the health and general welfare of residents within the City of Torrance.
- The proposed Ordinance allows for the creation of a designated smoking area 25' away from children, doorways, window openings, and vents.
- The proposed Ordinance provides a temporary exemption (phased-in plan) for existing smokers living in multi-unit residences that will allow smokers to smoke in their unit (not including private balcony, porch, deck, and / or patio) until the unit become vacant, the unit has a change in occupancy, or 2-years from the effective date of Ordinance.
- The landlord may not terminate a tenancy based on tenants' violation of the proposed Ordinance unless a landlord provided a no-smokers policy in the tenant's lease and the tenant has violated the landlord's agreement.
- Enforcement of the proposed Ordinance is at the sole discretion of the City.
- Staff held 7 workshops regarding the proposed Ordinance that were advertised through the City's social media platforms and sent letters announcing the workshops, along with the draft, to over 1,000 property owners with multi-family units, all HOAs, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Members of the Commission spoke.

Members of the public spoke, showing support of the Ordinance.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Jendrucko moved to adopt the Resolution recommending that the Torrance City Council add Chapter 19 entitled "Smoking in Multi-Family Dwellings," to Division 4 of the Torrance Municipal Code entitled "Public Health and Welfare." Commissioner Love seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a 6-0 approval (Commissioner Montoya absent).

Community Development Director Ramirez stated that the Item will go before City Council, Tuesday, July 25, 2023.

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**9. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Members of the Commission spoke.

Commissioner Jendrucko announced Plastic Free July and provided the website: [www.plasticfreejuly.org](http://www.plasticfreejuly.org).

Chair Stecker inquired on the Climate Smart Awards. Staff Liaison Duncan replied that an update on the Climate Smart Awards will be on the August 2023 Agenda.

Chair Stecker stated that although the discussion of fireworks may not be in the scope of the Commission, he saw the Redondo Beach Fourth of July drone show and requested a presentation from Community Services to educate the Commission.

Community Development Director Ramirez stated that the selection of Chair and Vice Chair will be held in the August 2023 meeting.

Commissioner Jendrucko requested that poll and feedback information provided at the Environmental Fair be presented in a future meeting. Staff Liaison Duncan acknowledged the request.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 7:25 p.m. Commissioner Love moved to adjourn the meeting to Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room. Commissioner Seferian seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a 6-0 approval (Commissioner Montoya absent).

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Chair and Members  
of the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

Members of the Commission:

**SUBJECT: Agenda Items 7A & 7 B Present Torrance Climate Smart Awards**

At the Environmental Commission meeting of June 01, 2023, three nominees for the Torrance Climate Smart Awards were reviewed by the commission. The Environmental commission voted to award all three nominees in three different categories.

Kathleen Cole with Torrance Unified School District was selected for the Climate Smart Community award, Jackie Parker of the Torrance Memorial Medical Center for the Climate Smart Business award and Jim Montgomery for the Climate Smart Water Award.

The Torrance Climate Smart Award seeks to recognize residents, students, schools, businesses, and organizations for their commitment to excellence in environmental stewardship and outstanding environmental achievements, in support of the Stewardship of the Environment Priority in the 2021 Strategic Plan. The Climate Smart awards and criteria are in the following categories:

- CLIMATE SMART ENERGY: Outstanding achievements in clean energy, energy efficiency, demand reduction and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.
- CLIMATE SMART WATER: Achievements in water conservation through implementation, planting and promotion of water conservation efforts.
- CLIMATE SMART YOUTH: Torrance school aged youth, individuals or groups, for outstanding leadership in climate change and building awareness and engagement of their peers, school and community.
- CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY: Individual members of the Torrance Community or a community group that provided outstanding support to the implementation and goals of the strategic plan pertaining to environmental stewardship.
- CLIMATE SMART BUSINESS: Retail, commercial, industrial and other businesses that demonstrate achievements in any areas of the award criteria or has received a recognized environmental certification, including but not limited to Clean Bay Restaurant or LEED.


The goal of the award is to highlight citizens, groups, businesses, and organizations in Torrance who demonstrate the importance of environmental stewardship.

Kathleen Cole has prepared a presentation regarding the school district's program and is sharing it with the Environmental Commission. Jackie Parker has prepared a presentation regarding the Torrance Memorial Medical Center's program and is also sharing it with the Environmental Commission. Unfortunately, Jim Montgomery is not able to attend the August 3,

2023, Environmental Commission meeting, but has expressed his gratitude and wishes to come to a future meeting to accept his award and present information regarding his conservation efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,

MICHELLE G. RAMIREZ  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

By   
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Nora Duncan  
Sr. Environmental Quality Officer

Attachments: 1) Presentation and Climate Smart Award  
2) Climate Smart Award

# **TORRANCE USD NUTRITION SERVICES**

*Smaller Footprints*



Presented by:

**Kathleen Cole, RDN**

Director - Nutrition Services



*Nutrition Services*  
**DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

- What are we doing now?
- Our future plans



# 5 COMP TRAYS

**Styrofoam**



Cheap, sturdy,  
not good for environment

**VS.**

**Biodegradable**



Molded Fiber. 100% recycled materials;  
**compostable**

# SHARE CARTS

- At all TUSD school sites!
- Bins: fruits & vegetables, school snacks, hot foods, cold foods
- Students/Staff may take extra helpings of food or beverages at no cost.
- Leftovers go back into the cafeteria operations to help offset food costs if specific criteria is met.
- Uneaten food can be donated to food finders.



# FOOD FINDERS

A nonprofit food rescue organization with a mission to rescue food, reduce hunger, and improve nutrition in the communities they serve.

- 1 box of food (or more) is eligible pick-up from any TUSD site.
- Last year we donated 10,000 lbs. of food serving over 600 nonprofit organizations.
- Board approved contract in place.



# TRANSITIONED FROM SPORKETTES TO...

- Sporkette Kit Consists of:  
plastic wrap, straw, napkin,  
spork



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# ... COMPOSTABLE CUTLERY (AND NAPKINS)

- One Time Dispensing: reduces cutlery usage by approximately 31%
- Crafted of PLA, which is made from 100% renewable material
- BPI Certified
- Hygienic
- Goes into compost bin!!!



# WASTE DIVERSION

- Available for all Campuses
- Assembly Bills 341 & 1826
  - Recycle
  - Compost
  - Landfill



# ORGANIC WASTE MANAGEMENT

- 64 Gallon Organic Waste Containers
- Compostable Bags



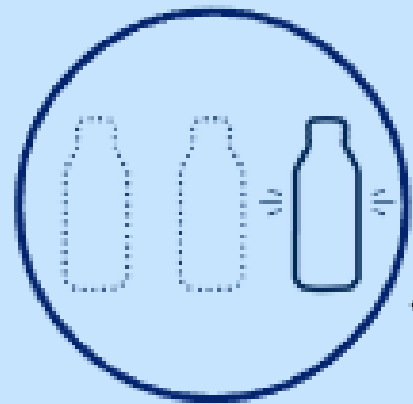


# BYE, BYE PLASTIC.



# REDUCE PLASTIC

- Aluminum vs. Plastic Water Bottles
- Carton Milk vs. Pouched Milk
- Bulk vs. IW
- Paper bags vs. Plastic
- Paper plates vs. Styrofoam



Aluminum is infinitely recyclable



Refillable at water filling stations



Made with Non BPA materials



**MORE OCEAN, LESS PLASTIC.**



# PURCHASE LOCAL

- Require less transportation
- Less sprawl, congestion, habitat loss, and pollution
- Local food is often less packaged, which minimizes the use of plastic and generates less waste
- AB 778 - Purchase of CA-Grown Agricultural Food Products
- SB 490 - The Buy American Food Act

*What's in season in your region?*

PRODUCT	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Apricots						J	J					
Arugula											N	D
Avocado					M							
Beets	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Blackberries							J	A				
Black Eyed Peas							J	A	S			
Bok Choy				A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D

# PLANT-BASED MEALS

- Plant-based
- Plant-forward
- Vegetarian
- Vegan



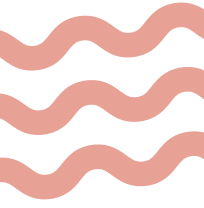
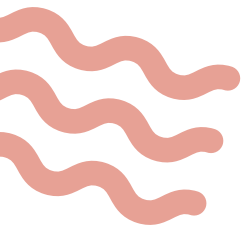
Foods from plants



Foods from animals



**THANK YOU!**





*Torrance Environmental Quality and  
Energy Conservation Commission*

***TORRANCE CLIMATE SMART AWARD***

*awarded to*

***Kathleen Cole, RDN TUSD***

*For Outstanding Stewardship of the Environment for Smart Business*

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*John Stecker, Commission Chairperson*

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*Date*



*Torrance Environmental Quality and  
Energy Conservation Commission*

***TORRANCE CLIMATE SMART AWARD***

*awarded to*

***Torrance Memorial Medical Center***

*For Outstanding Stewardship of the Environment for Community*

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*John Stecker, Commission Chairperson*

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*Date*

Chair and Members  
of the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission  
City Hall  
Torrance, California


Members of the Commission:

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 7C Election of Commission Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**

Section 13.16.5 of the Torrance Municipal Code provides that, "At the first meeting of the Commission in every fiscal year the members shall appoint one of their number as Chairman who shall hold office for one (1) year and until his successor is appointed. It is the practice of the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission that the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson be nominated by fellow and Commissioners and elected by the majority of the Commission. Staff has placed an item on this agenda for selection of a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. The electees appointments will take effect at the following meeting September 07, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHELLE G. RAMIREZ  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

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