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STATE *of the* CITY



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CITY COUNCIL

DISTRICT 3

Asam Sheikh



DISTRICT 2

Bridgett Lewis



DISTRICT 5

Aurelio Mattucci



DISTRICT 1

Jon Kaji



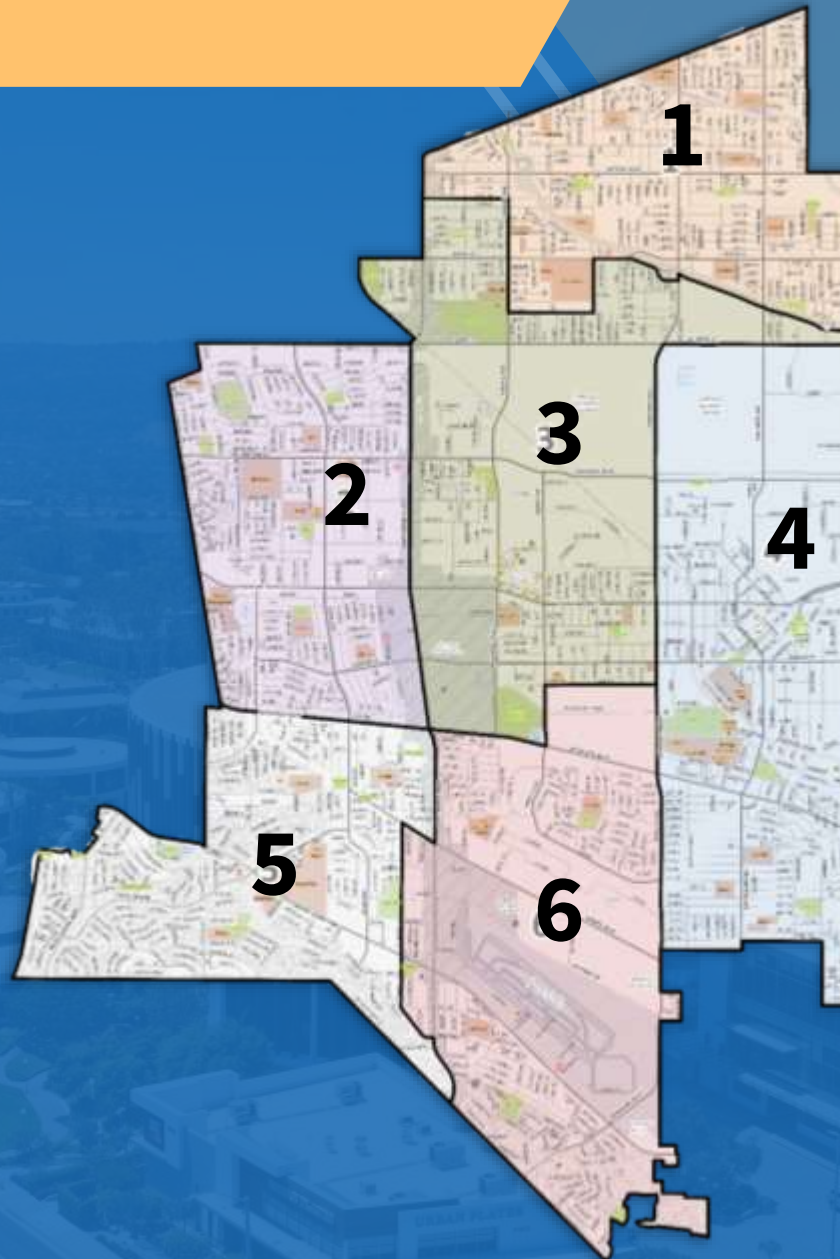
DISTRICT 4

Sharon Kalani



DISTRICT 6

Mike Griffiths

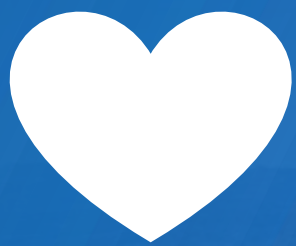


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of the
SOUTH BAY



FISCALLY STABLE

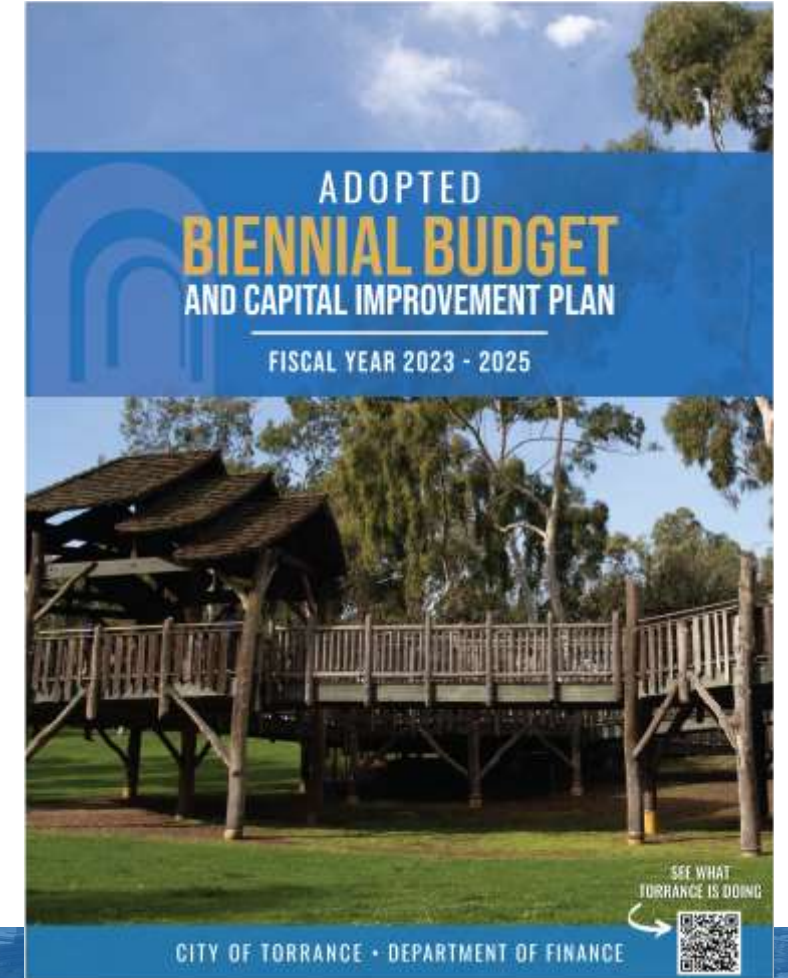


Visit [TorranceCA.Gov/Budget](https://torranceca.gov/Budget) for the City's budget books and documents



FISCALLY STABLE

- ♥ Standard & Poor's (S&P) credit rating improved from AA/Negative to AA/Stable
- ♥ City Council adopted a balanced budget FY 2023-2025
- ♥ Citywide budget stands at nearly \$505 million



FISCALLY STABLE

City Treasurer

PAST 11 MONTHS

New Investments

**\$20.8
Million**

2022

**\$181.2
Million**

2023

New Investment Purchases

**\$1.2
Million**

2022

**\$6.7
Million**

2023

**Earnings Yield
4.2 %
compared to
1.1 % last year**

FISCALLY STABLE

Measure SST Citizen Oversight Committee

Projected

**\$18
Million**

MILLIONS

Anticipating

**\$23
Million**

MILLIONS



FISCALLY STABLE

“Most Business-Friendly City” Eddy Award Finalist

Award Ceremony:
Wednesday, November 8th
at SoFi Stadium



[TorranceCA.Gov/WhyTorrance](https://torranceca.gov/whytorrance)

FISCALLY STABLE

New Business Licenses

Torrance issued **542** new business licenses totaling **9,272** issued throughout the City.

WELCOME TO
TORRANCE



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Unemployment rate

Torrance continues to have one of the lowest rates of unemployment at 4.1% within the County and South Bay.



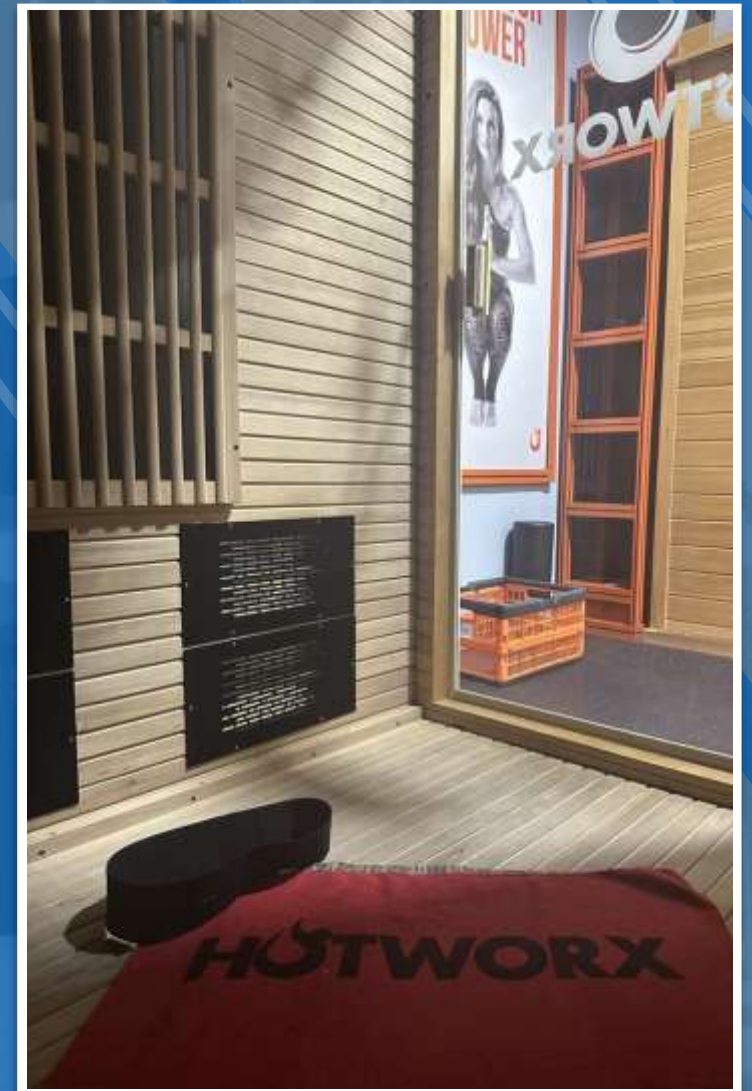
ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION & LANDSCAPE



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NEW STORES COMING SOON TO DEL AMO!

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ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION & LANDSCAPE

The Technology Committee was formed to:

- ♥ Develop strategies to attract and retain high tech businesses
- ♥ Create tools to better market Torrance for new and rapidly changing technology
- ♥ Provide support for tech businesses to thrive in Torrance



ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION & LANDSCAPE



ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION & LANDSCAPE

- ♥ Competitive utilities and business license fees
- ♥ Portfolio of major industries
- ♥ Skilled labor pools
- ♥ Proximity to Los Angeles and Long Beach Ports, Los Angeles International Airport, Zamperini Field, and freeway access

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ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION & LANDSCAPE

The logo for Niche, featuring the word "NICHE" in a green, sans-serif font, followed by a registered trademark symbol (®) and a stylized "N" inside a circle, with three wavy lines to the right.

- ♥ #34 Best Cities to raise a family
- ♥ #12 in the nation for best ranked public schools
- ♥ #7 as the healthiest places to live in America



- ♥ One of the Best Mobile Apps for Travel and Local Services

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE & INVESTMENT



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FRIENDSHIP CITIES PROGRAM WITH TAINAN, TAIWAN

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FRIENDSHIP CITIES PROGRAM WITH CHANGHUA, TAIWAN

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DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

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**Ribbon Cutting Celebration
Genesis of South Bay Auto Dealership**

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SAFE & SECURE



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- ♥ Overall Crime down 13%
- ♥ Real Time Response Center (RTRC) expected to open this year!



[TorranceCA.Gov/Police](https://www.torranceca.gov/police)

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- ♥ Record # of service calls include:
 - 12,433** rescue & emergency medical service incidents
 - 174** fires
- ♥ Expanded Patient Transportation Program
- ♥ Six ambulances staffed with 35 operators



[TorranceCA.Gov/Fire](https://torranceca.gov/fire)



SAFE & SECURE



Torrance Fire Department is CPSE **Accredited & ISO Class 1 Rated**

♥ **1 of 5** in CA

♥ **1 of 113** worldwide with this distinction!

[TorranceCA.Gov/Fire](https://torranceca.gov/fire)



EMERGENCY RESPONSE & PREPAREDNESS



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ARE YOU PREPARED?

Pick Up Sandbags at the Public Works Department from 12:30 PM - 2:15 PM
- 20500 Madrona Ave.
- Make sure to bring ID

Stay Updated on the Rain Forecast:
- Ready.LACounty.Gov/Rain

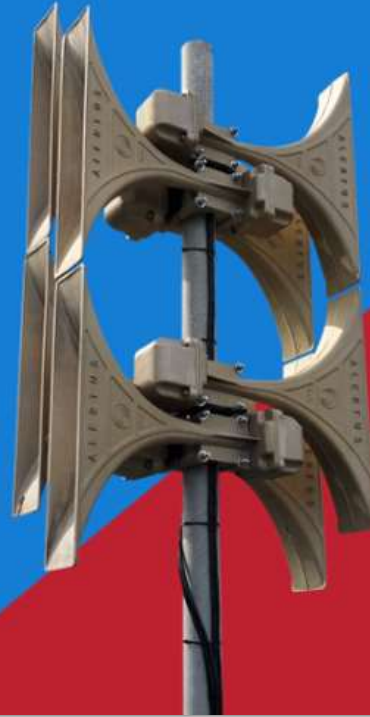
Sign Up for Emergency Alerts:
- TorranceCA.Gov/TorranceAlerts



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(1/2) Information from the City of Torrance - The Public Works Department will open the Torrance City Yard located at 20500 Madrona Ave. on Sunday, August 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to distribute sandbags to Torrance residents. There is a limit of 10 sandbags per household.

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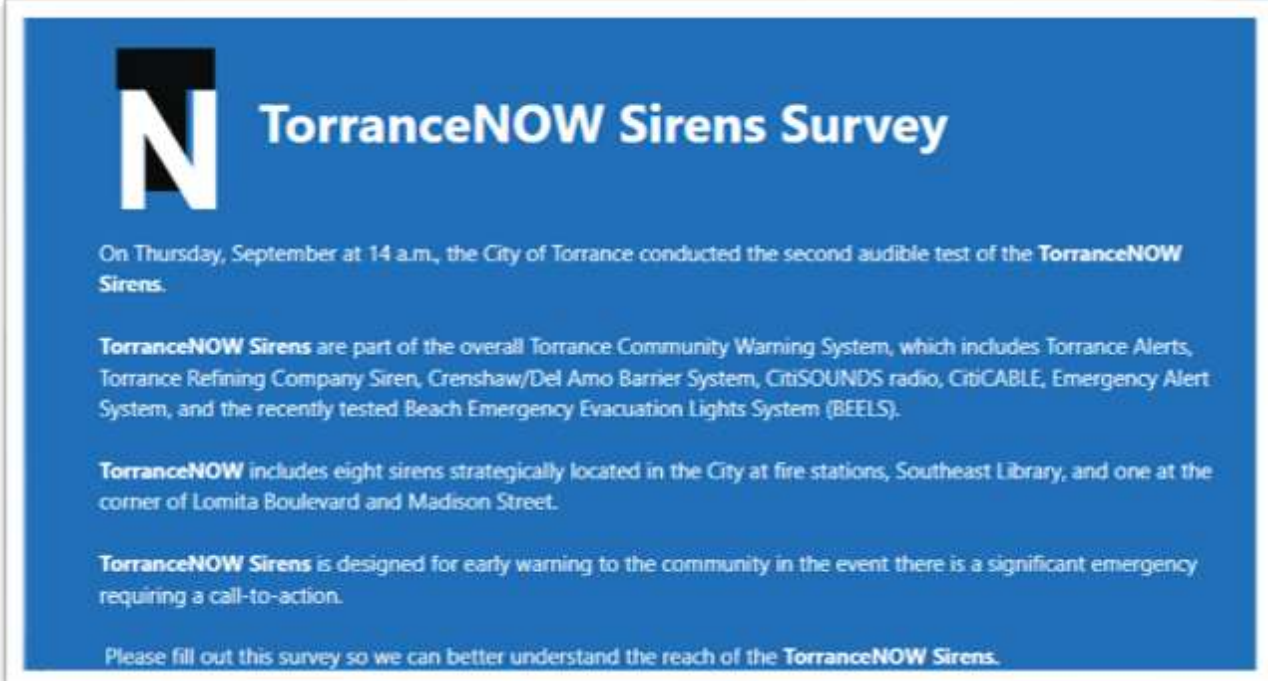
TORRANCE NEIGHBORHOOD OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

TorranceCA.Gov/TorranceNOW



EMERGENCY RESPONSE & PREPAREDNESS

The City is conducting a survey to find ways to improve the TorranceNOW Sirens.



N **TorranceNOW Sirens Survey**

On Thursday, September at 14 a.m., the City of Torrance conducted the second audible test of the **TorranceNOW Sirens**.

TorranceNOW Sirens are part of the overall Torrance Community Warning System, which includes Torrance Alerts, Torrance Refining Company Siren, Crenshaw/Del Amo Barrier System, CitiSOUNDS radio, CitiCABLE, Emergency Alert System, and the recently tested Beach Emergency Evacuation Lights System (BEELS).

TorranceNOW includes eight sirens strategically located in the City at fire stations, Southeast Library, and one at the corner of Lomita Boulevard and Madison Street.

TorranceNOW Sirens is designed for early warning to the community in the event there is a significant emergency requiring a call-to-action.

Please fill out this survey so we can better understand the reach of the **TorranceNOW Sirens**.

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE & PREPAREDNESS



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- ♥ Torrance Memorial Medical Center and Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center received the **Patient Safety Excellence Award** 3 years consecutively.



HOMELESS OUTREACH



- ♥ Secured Federal Earmarks of nearly \$3.3 Million
- ♥ 3290 Temporary Housing Village Secured through 2025

[TorranceCA.Gov/Homeless](https://www.torranceca.gov/homeless)

HOMELESS OUTREACH

- ♥ **26** People permanently housed since opening 3290 Temporary Housing Village
- ♥ **8** People experiencing homelessness in Torrance permanently housed without entering 3290
- ♥ Unsheltered street homelessness has **declined 44%** since 2022



EDUCATION



TORRANCE
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

EDUCATION

**More than 1,800
NEW items collected**



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CITY BEAUTIFICATION, MODERNIZATION, INFRASTRUCTURE & PLANNING



Palos Verdes Blvd. &
Shadycroft Ave.

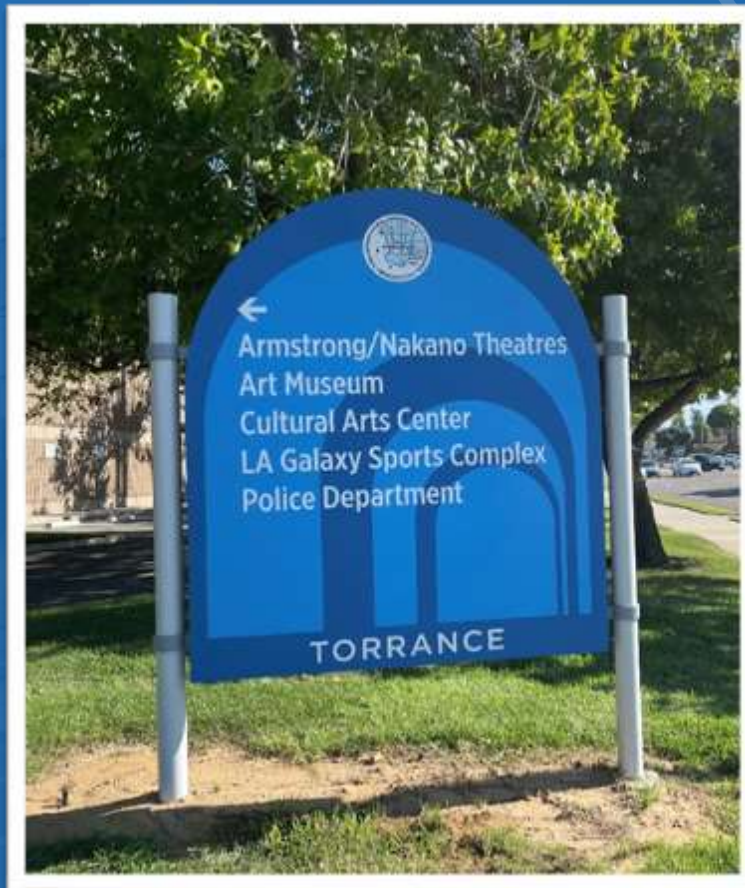
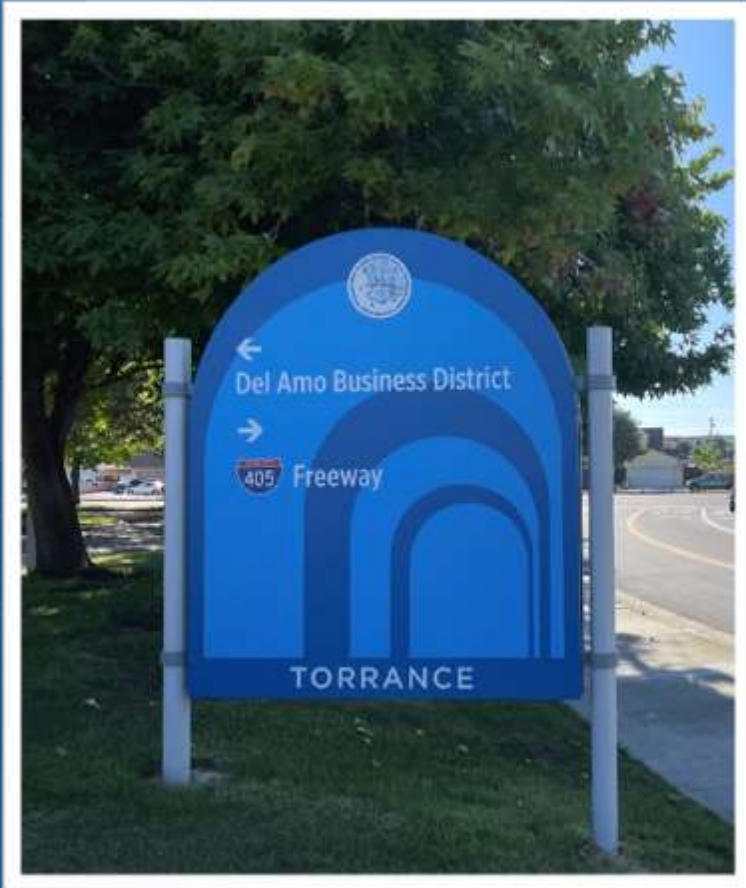


Sepulveda Blvd. &
Knob Hill Ave.



Crenshaw Blvd. &
Southbound 405 Exit

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Nearly 2,000 Service Requests submitted by App since it's launch

- ♥ 515 Graffiti
- ♥ 390 Illegal Dumping
- ♥ 240 Abandoned Shopping Carts

TorranceCA.Gov/Apps



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Public Works Operations Division

- ♥ 7,600 potholes filled
- ♥ 116,000 square feet of asphalt street removal and replacement
- ♥ 153,000 linear feet of paint refreshed City-wide
- ♥ 1.7 million square feet of asphalt slurry sealed



TorranceCA.Gov/PublicWorks



CITY BEAUTIFICATION, MODERNIZATION, INFRASTRUCTURE & PLANNING

Public Works Streetscape Division

- ♥ Planted 538 trees
- ♥ Watered more than 4,000 trees



TorranceCA.Gov/PublicWorks



CITY BEAUTIFICATION, MODERNIZATION, INFRASTRUCTURE & PLANNING

Public Works Sanitation Division collected

- ♥ More than 8,000 tons of recyclables
- ♥ Nearly 12,000 tons of green waste
- ♥ More than 59,000 miles of gutters swept



TorranceCA.Gov/PublicWorks



CITY BEAUTIFICATION, MODERNIZATION, INFRASTRUCTURE & PLANNING

Communications Information
Technology Department

- ♥ Readily available and reliable IT services
- ♥ Supports onsite and hybrid workforce
- ♥ Data security



CITY BEAUTIFICATION, MODERNIZATION, INFRASTRUCTURE & PLANNING



Over the course of the last calendar year **8,364 permits** processed. Those permits represent a combined job valuation of just over a **\$192M**.



MOBILITY – TORRANCE TRANSIT

Torrance Transit Department:

♥ 1.8 Million Riders

♥ 25% Increase in Bus Operator
Hires Since 2022



Transit.TorranceCA.Gov



TORRANCE REGIONAL TRANSIT CENTER IS OPEN

Mary K. Giordano Regional Transit Center

- ♥ Opened to the public on Saturday, June 10, 2023
- ♥ Currently offering rides to SoFi during 2023 – 2024 NFL Season



465 Crenshaw Blvd.

Transit.TorranceCA.Gov



TORRANCE REGIONAL TRANSIT CENTER IS OPEN



Transit.TorranceCA.Gov

HIRING NOW



- ♥ Hired 344 new employees
- ♥ Promoted 156 employees



[TorranceCA.Gov/Jobs](https://torranceca.gov/jobs)

HIRING NOW



HIRING NOW

evolve
into the workplace



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS

SEE WHAT TORRANCE IS DOING

WE HAVE AN APP!

Download the myTorranceCA app on your smartphone. Submit a request, make a payment, peruse City services and more.

WHY TORRANCE?

Discover why so many businesses choose to partner with Torrance and explore the locations, activities, and opportunities that set Torrance apart.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Browse the City's Year In Review, highlighting City services and accomplishments from the prior calendar year.

HOMELESS SERVICES

Read through Torrance's plan to prevent and combat homelessness. Discover ways you can help.

TORRANCECA.GOV

Find a host of information on our website, including debunked Rumors that circulate the City.

TORRANCEALERTS

Register for TorranceAlerts. When there is an emergency, get the information first on the City's early warning notification system.

TRENDING IN TORRANCE

Get an overview of some of the most pressing topics within the City of Torrance. See what's trending!

DISCOVER TORRANCE

Torrance is home to a variety of breweries, eateries, shopping centers, and hotels. Discover what our City has to offer!

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GET NOTIFIED OF SPECIAL EVENTS

When signing up for TorranceAlerts, make sure to select "Special Events"

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS



An aerial photograph of Torrance, California, featuring a prominent blue overlay with diagonal lines. The text "We are TORRANCE" is centered over the image. The word "We are" is in a gold script font, and "TORRANCE" is in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font. In the background, a tall building with "CALIFORNIA 2010" on top and a building with "URBAN PLAYER" are visible.

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