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### A Message from Torrance Police Chief Jay Hart:

"I wanted to make our community aware of information we received about a planned "takeover" by youth from around the County this Saturday at the Del Amo Fashion Center. We have seen this type of activity play out in community after community. Most recently, the "takeover" at the Pike led to outbreaks of violence and a shooting nearby. The Torrance Police Department has taken proactive steps to enhance safety and staffing in and around the Del Amo Fashion Center. We remain committed, in partnership with Del Amo Fashion Center leadership, to providing a safe experience for all visitors. We will not accept criminal behavior, and our Department will have zero tolerance for those who come to our community and cause harm.

It is time for us to all come together to offer these children an alternative to violence and disorder. We need our partners in the schools, in our places of worship, in community based organizations, and at home to come along side these kids and guide them to the path of being a good citizen and a good neighbor. Investment in our youth is an investment in making our communities thrive. This is Our Job Together!"

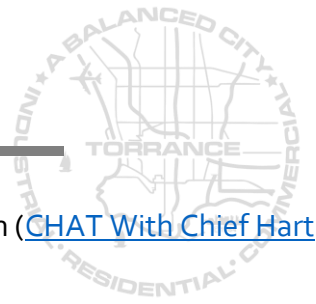
Respectfully,

Chief Jay Hart

There may be road closures around the Del Amo Fashion Center this Saturday. Sign up for [Torrance Alerts](#) to stay informed about traffic conditions and receive emergency notifications and up-to-date information. Del Amo Fashion Center has implemented a Youth Supervision Policy. All visitors under age 18 must be accompanied at all times by a parent or adult, age 21 or older, after 3pm on Fridays and Saturdays. If any community members have additional information about planned takeovers, please contact the Torrance Police Department at (310) 328-3456. Community members are invited to engage

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directly with Chief Jay Hart in a "CHAT" with the Chief, which is held every month ([CHAT With Chief Hart Form](#)).

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