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**TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA
AUGUST 5, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. IN WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
AT 3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD**

**TRAFFIC COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM
LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commissioners: Endo-Roberts, Gibson, Nichols, Schwartz, Sharma, Suruki, Thoma

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, August 1, 2024.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

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

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for comment 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: June 3, 2024

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. Appointments of Traffic Commission Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

7B. Discussion of Potential Dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District

8. COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of Traffic Commission Meeting to Monday, October 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.



June 3, 2024

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Torrance Traffic Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2024, in the West Annex Commission Room.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Gibson, Sharma, Suruki, Thoma, and Chair Obejas.

Absent: Commissioners Endo-Roberts and Farao.

Also Present: Public Works Engineering Manager Brenda Moun, Deputy Public Works Director Shin Furukawa, and Torrance Police Sergeant Koenig.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Gibson led The Pledge of Allegiance.

3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Public Works Engineering Manager Moun reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's Website on Thursday, May 30, 2024.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

None.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 6, 2024

MOTION: Commissioner Sharma moved to approve the May 6, 2024 minutes. Commissioner Suruki seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval (Commissioner Endo-Roberts and Commissioner Farao absent).

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

7A. **I-405 AT 182ND STREET/CRENSHAW BOULEVARD OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS, T-155**

Public Works Engineering Manager Moun presented Item 7A:

- Caltrans is the lead agency for the improvement project in coordination with the City. The project proposes to improve operational conditions on the 405 freeway and the on- / off-ramps at Crenshaw Boulevard and 182nd Street.
- The goals of the project are to alleviate congestion, improve safety, improve traffic flow, and improve operational conditions on the freeway.
- 405 Freeway improvements include installing auxiliary lanes in both directions, installing a new northbound loop on-ramp from northbound Crenshaw, installing a new dedicated right turn lanes to the southbound 405 on-ramp from northbound Crenshaw Boulevard, installing a new dedicated right turn lane to the northbound 405 on-ramp from eastbound 182nd Street, and widening the northbound and southbound off-ramps.
- Intersection improvements on 182nd Street and Crenshaw Boulevard include installing a dedicated right turn lane from westbound 182nd Street to northbound Crenshaw Boulevard, installing two dedicated left turn lanes from westbound 182nd Street to southbound Crenshaw Boulevard, installing two through lanes on westbound 182nd Street, and installing protected left turn phasing for northbound and southbound Crenshaw Boulevard to 182nd Street.
- The project is approximately 75% done and has a projected completion date in the Fall of 2024.

Members of the Commission spoke.

8. **COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Public Works Engineering Manager Moun stated that during the next meeting, there will be a discussion regarding dark nights for the Commission based on previous years.

Public Works Engineering Manager Moun announced that tonight is Chair Obejas's last night on the Commission as he has termed out.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: At 7:23 p.m. Commissioner Suruki moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, August 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Room. Commissioner Thoma seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 5-0 approval (Commissioner Endo-Roberts and Commissioner Farao absent).

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Traffic Commission Meeting
August 5, 2024

Agenda Item No. 7a

TO: Traffic Commission
FROM: Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Appointments of Traffic Commission Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the Traffic Commission:

1. Appoint a Chairperson for the term beginning immediately (August 5, 2024) and ending upon appointment of a Chair at the first meeting of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025; and,
2. Appoint a Vice-Chairperson for the term beginning immediately (August 5, 2024) and ending upon appointment of a Vice-Chairperson at the first meeting of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.

BACKGROUND/ ANALYSIS

Below is the Torrance Municipal Code Section governing the appointment of Chair.

Torrance Municipal Code Section 13.9.5 APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRMAN

At the first meeting of the Commission in every fiscal year, the members shall appoint one (1) of their number as Chairman who shall hold office for one (1) year and until his successor is appointed.

On August 7, 2023, the Traffic Commission appointed Commissioner Obejas as Chairperson and Commissioner Sharma as Vice-Chairperson for the term beginning on August 7, 2023 and ending upon appointment of a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson at the first meeting of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024.


It is recommended that the Traffic Commission appoint a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the term beginning immediately (August 5, 2024) and ending upon appointment of a Chair and Vice-Chairperson at the first meeting of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025.

Provided below are the Commissioner current term dates sorted by last name in alphabetical order:

Commissioner	Current Term
Kathryn Endo-Roberts	07/01/2023 – 06/30/2027
Michael Gibson	07/01/2021 – 06/30/2025
William Nichols	07/01/2024 – 06/30/2028
Isabel Schwartz	07/01/2024 – 06/30/2028
Arohi Sharma	08/09/2022 – 06/30/2026
Ginny Suruki	07/01/2023 – 06/30/2027
Lucas Thoma	08/09/2022 – 06/30/2026

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By 
Shin Furukawa
Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer

Agenda Item No. 7b

TO: Traffic Commission

FROM: Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Discussion of Potential Dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the Traffic Commission obtain public input and discuss the potential dissolution of the existing Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District bounded by Maricopa Street to the north, Torrance Boulevard to the south, Crenshaw Boulevard to the east, and Maple Avenue to the west.

BACKGROUND

The City of Torrance has four established permit parking districts within the City. This item is to specifically discuss the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District which is contained within the area bounded by Maricopa Street to the north, Torrance Boulevard to the south, Crenshaw Boulevard to the east and Maple Avenue to the west (Attachment 1).

The Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District was created in January 1996 via Ordinance No. 3420 (Attachment 2) to address parking concerns that developed because of overflow on-street parking on Maricopa Street and in the Torrance Gardens neighborhood from certain industrial businesses on the north side of Maricopa Street and by visitors to the Court House on Maple Avenue. The overflow parking resulted in limited on-street parking for residents in front of their homes and increased the danger of traffic collisions.

The Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District included the posting of signs on each street within the District that restricted on-street parking to a 2-HOUR period from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Excluded from the 2-HOUR parking restriction are vehicles displaying a parking permit issued by the City of Torrance. Only residents who reside within the Permit Parking District are eligible to receive parking permits.

Since 1996, uses of properties on the north side of Maricopa Street have changed. Industrial uses have been replaced by residential or less dense commercial/industrial uses. As a result, parking incursions into the Torrance Gardens have diminished significantly. Additionally, parking incursions related to the Belmar townhome development constructed in 2005 were mitigated by removing parking restrictions on the north side of Maricopa Street in 2017.

ANALYSIS

Based on the changed characteristics of the neighborhood, staff is recommending the dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District to eliminate permit parking. Currently, residents within the permit parking district apply for the parking permit through the Community Development Department; however, there is no cost recovery mechanism in place for staff oversight of the

District. The dissolution of the permit parking district would allow removal of existing signs that are faded and will improve neighborhood aesthetics. Should the Traffic Commission concur with staff's recommendation, staff will prepare a future item to the City Council to amend the Torrance Municipal Code Section 61.6.32 to remove the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District.

Public input is an important part of the City's decision-making process. A public notice (Attachment 3) was mailed to 437 parcels notifying residents of tonight's meeting. Attachment 4 provides correspondence related to this item received prior to the posting of the agenda.

Additional information regarding the Permit Parking Districts is available on the project website: <https://www.torranceca.gov/our-city/community-development/transportation-traffic/permit-parking-districts>

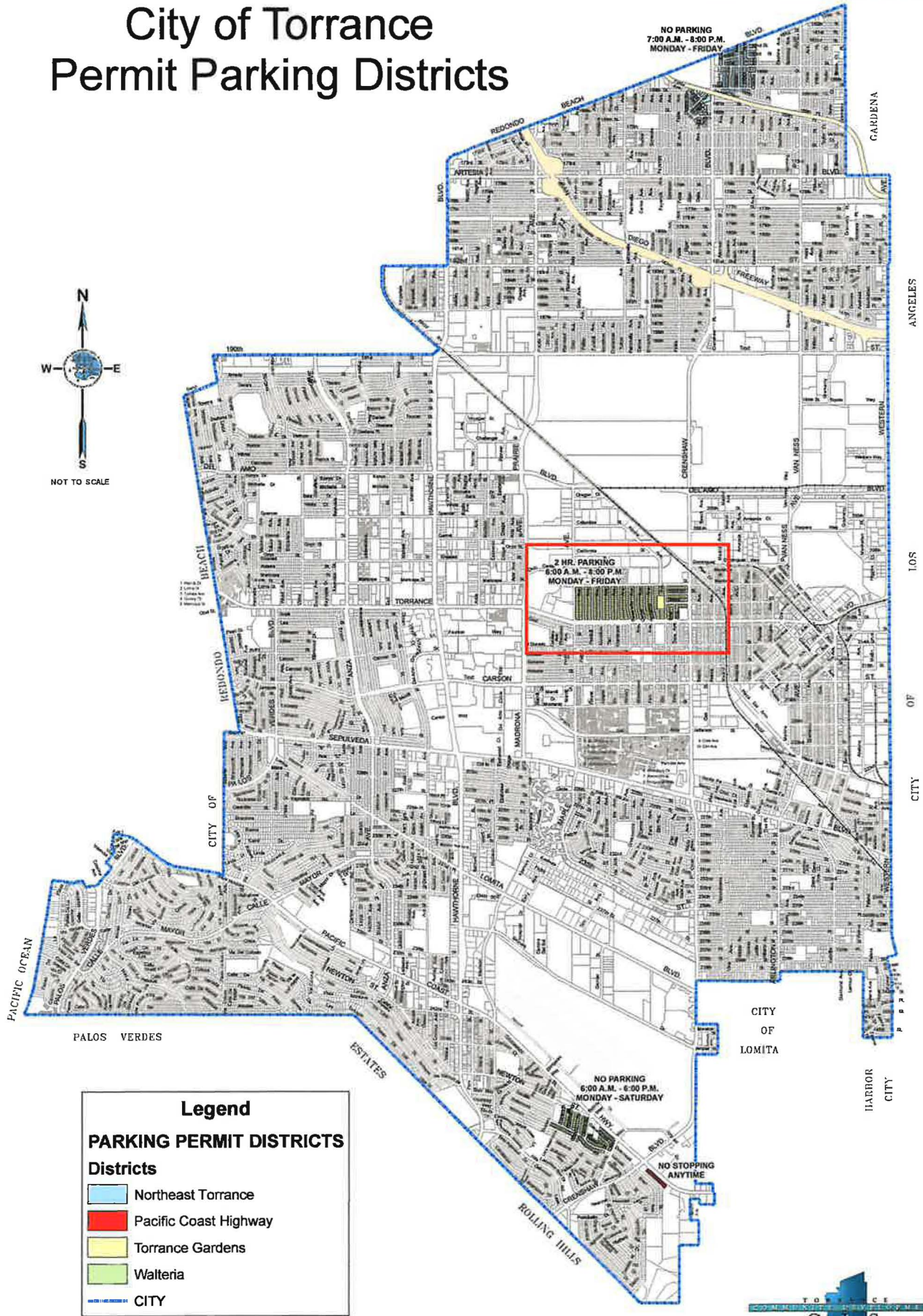
Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By  _____
Shin Furukawa
Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer

Attachment 1: Vicinity Map
Attachment 2: Ordinance No. 3420
Attachment 3: Public Notice
Attachment 4: Correspondence Received

City of Torrance Permit Parking Districts



ORDINANCE NO. 3420 URGENCY ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, ADDING SECTIONS 61.6.32 AND 61.6.33 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PARKING AND VEHICLE STOPPING IN A DESIGNATED AREA OF THE CITY AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN URGENCY.

The City Council of the City of Torrance does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1

That new Sections 61.6.32 and 61.6.33 shall be added to the Torrance Municipal Code to read in their entirety as follows:

“SECTION 61.6.32 - 2-HOUR PARKING - RESIDENTIAL PERMITS

A limited time parking district is hereby established within the City, composed of those streets bounded by Maple Street on the west, including the east side of Maple Street, Maricopa Street on the north including the south side of Maricopa Street, Crenshaw Blvd. on the east, including the west side of Crenshaw Blvd. and Torrance Blvd. on the south, including both sides of the service road. Within the limited time parking district, there will be 2-hour parking during the hours of 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Monday through Friday excluding holidays. Excepted from this limitation are the vehicles of those residents of the district, or guests, which display a sign, sticker or other identification which has been issued by the City of Torrance.

SECTION 61.6.33 - NO STOPPING - MARICOPA STREET

There shall be no stopping any time along the north side of Maricopa Street, for west bound traffic, between Crenshaw Blvd. and Hawaii Ave.”

SECTION 2

Original

The facts upon which this ordinance is declared to be an urgency measure are as follows:

Within the area bounded on the west by Maple Ave., the north by Maricopa Street, the east by Crenshaw Blvd. and the south by Torrance Blvd., a severe parking problem has developed because of overflow parking from certain industries abutting Maricopa St. on the north and by visitors to the Court House on Maple Ave. This has resulted in a great number of cars parked on the streets within the area, thereby depriving the home owners the use of parking spaces in front of their homes and increasing the danger of traffic collisions because of the number of cars parked along Maricopa street, blocking the views from driveways. It is imperative that these measures become effective immediately to protect the health, safety and welfare of the workers and residents alike.

SECTION 3

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.


SECTION 4

Any person violating any of the provisions of the Ordinance shall be guilty of an infraction and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine as provided for in Section 36900 of the California Government Code.

SECTION 5

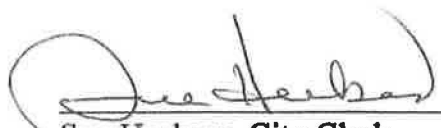
This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately after the passage and adoption thereof, and the City Clerk will certify to the passage and adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published once in the Daily Breeze, a daily newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the City of Torrance.

ADOPTED AND PASSED this 23rd day of January, 1996.



Dee Hardison, Mayor

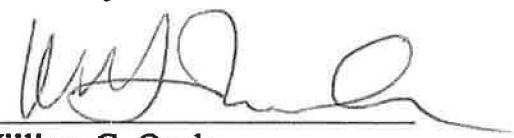
ATTEST:



Sue Herbers, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

John L. Fellows III
City Attorney

By 

William G. Quale
Assistant City Attorney


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TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL URGENCY ORDINANCE 3420

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF TORRANCE)

I, Sue Herbers, City Clerk of the City of Torrance, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing urgency ordinance was duly introduced, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Torrance at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 23rd day of January, 1996, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Cribbs, Lee, Messerlian Nakano, O'Donnell, Walker and Hardison
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None



City Clerk of the City of Torrance

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL DISSOLUTION OF THE TORRANCE GARDENS PERMIT PARKING DISTRICT

ATTACHMENT 3

NOTICE OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

Discussion of Potential Dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District

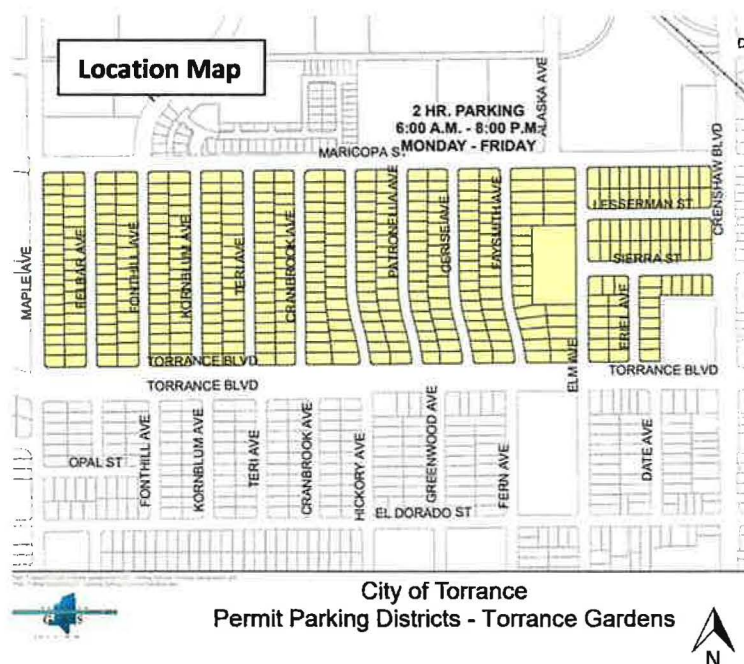
Monday, August 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**Torrance City Hall – West Annex Commission Room
3031 Torrance Boulevard**

On **Monday, August 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**, the City of Torrance Traffic Commission will take public input regarding the potential dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District in the area bounded by Maricopa Street, Torrance Boulevard, Crenshaw Boulevard, and Maple Avenue.

Public input is an important part of the City's decision-making process. You may provide input by speaking at the meeting or by submitting comments in writing to: TrafficCommission@TorranceCA.Gov by 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

Information about the subject topic will be included in the Commission Agenda Packet, which will be posted on Thursday, August 1, 2024 on the Traffic Commission website at: <https://www.torranceca.gov/government/city-clerk/commissions-and-advisory-boards/traffic-commission/agendas-minutes/-folder-5369>



For questions, please contact:

Brenda Moun, Engineering Manager (310) 781-6900

www.TorranceCA.Gov/TrafficCommission



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City Attorney
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[REDACTED]

From: Becky Robelotto [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 28, 2024 9:32 AM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: Dissolution of Torrance Gardens permit parking

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Dear Asam Sheikh,
I understand that you were not in attendance at this vote that affected our area. I am not happy that we were not consulted about this and that the matter was voted on at 11 pm. Those of us that live in Torrance Gardens should have been consulted. We do not want to go back to having people park overnight in our neighborhood. Thank you.
The Robelottos Sent from my iPad

[REDACTED]

From: dolores vonbiela [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 28, 2024 10:20 AM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: Permit Parking

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I am a Torrance Garden resident living on Faysmith, I am requesting that the Parking Permit parking REMAIN IN EFFECT.

[REDACTED]

From: diana poe [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 28, 2024 12:17 PM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: Please continue Parking Permits for Torrance Gardens

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Please continue Parking Permits for the Torrance Gardens Area. We are already experiencing parking issues and with the change in zoning on Maricopa and the future plans for the Civic Center remodel this will increase substantially.

You will also need to replace a lot of the current signs that are faded and why we are experiencing additional parking on our residential streets by people that say they didn't see the signs.

Please listen to your constituents.

Concerned Torrance Garden resident

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 28, 2024 7:05 PM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: No Dissolution Of Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District

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Please keep the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District as it is.

Thank you!

Joe Mancuso
[REDACTED] Faysmith Ave

[REDACTED]

From: Shirley Hall [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2024 9:11 AM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: Continue Parking Permits

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

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Please continue the Parking Permits for Torrance Gardens. Based on the new residential zoning on Maricopa the impact of the new residential area will overflow into Torrance Gardens impacting the homeowners parking.

Torrance Gardens Resident
Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: Gina Geibel [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2024 10:01 AM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: Torrance Gardens Permit Parking

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Hi,

I live in Torrance Gardens, and I would like to keep the Parking Permits.

Thank you,

Gina Geibel

[REDACTED]

From: Derek Poole [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2024 1:27 PM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: Torrance Gardens -Parking Permits

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Derek Poole and I am the home owner at [REDACTED] Faysmith Ave. Torrance (Torrance Gardens). It is imperative to keep parking permits in our neighborhood. This email is in reply to your 'Notice of Commission meeting' scheduled for August 5th 2024.

Thank you,

DEREK POOLE
Account Manager

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Kathleen Ringsby [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2024 10:29 PM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: Fwd: Potential Dissolution of Torrance Gardens Permit Parking

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Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Potential Dissolution of Torrance Gardens Permit Parking

Torrance Traffic Commission

I reside in Torrance Gardens on Faysmith. This is a wonderful neighborhood that has steadily been making decisions for the "greater good" at the expense of the long time. Voting, tax paying, loyal, residents.

Greater good-removing the beautiful 50 year trees replacing with sticks, installing the homeless encampment within steps of our homes, pushing the metro that this is the last stop with a forced exit in the evening with No place for the homeless riders to go but shop in our yards and crap on the corners, etc. then reduce requirements on our homes to no longer require garages, add ADUs. Changing the plunge, rezoning the acres at Maricopa to SA3 not even requiring a parking spot per apartment (singles) and with a mere 20 points can increase density 25 percent. The H mart has been sold to a bargain market, parking was already on the streets down little Torrance.

Many of the homes including mine have a shared driveway and can only fit one car per home. All of our streets have street cleaning on Tuesday or Wednesday meaning that two days a week only one side available. Many of the family's have become extended since Covid causing multiple driving persons per home.

Based on the above, please maintain the parking permits afforded to us by at least having a place to park in front of our own homes that we love and care for. Vote to NOT dissolve the Torrance Gardens parking permits.

Respectfully a very concerned Torrance Gardens resident.

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: sharon genens [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 10:42 AM
To: Traffic Commission
Subject: Permitted Parking

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I am a Torrance resident. I live on Faysmith Ave. Please keep permitted parking as it has been. I have lived here long enough to remember the problems with parking that existed before residents brought the issues to the city and parking limits were imposed. There are probably many newer residents in Torrance Gardens who were not here to experience the problems that led to permitted parking.
S. Genens