

Traffic Commission Meeting of  
August 5, 2024

**SUPPLEMENTAL #1**

**TO:** Traffic Commission  
**FROM:** Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director  
**SUBJECT:** Supplemental Material for Agenda Item No. 7b

Attached is email correspondence received after the posting of the Agenda on August 1, 2024 through 2:00 P.M. on August 5, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN  
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By



Shin Furukawa

Deputy Public Works Director/City Engineer

Attachments:  
25 emails from Residents

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**From:** Evelyn Oreta [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2024 7:37 PM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** Re:Discussion of Potential Dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to your office regarding the Notice Of Traffic Commission Meeting which will be held Monday, August 5, 2024 . We, the family residing at [REDACTED] Faysmith Avenue, Torrance 90503 are opposing this agenda "Potential Dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District". We would like to retain the Parking Permit in our neighborhood. We do not want our parking to be taken by anybody who is not a resident of our community. We paid too much property taxes and yet our parking space will just be taken over by outsider . Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

We strongly opposed this proposition and hope you will consider our voice.

Very Respectfully Yours,

Evelyn B. Oreta  
[REDACTED] Faysmith Avenue  
Torrance, CA 90503

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Mary Huben [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 2, 2024 1:02 PM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Potential Dissolution of Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District

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To Whom it may concern;

I am a property owner in the [REDACTED] block of Faysmith Ave. I have serious concerns over the possibility of the dissolution of their Torrance Gardens Parking Permit District.

I am strongly in favor of keeping the Permit District in place. As residents and taxpayers in the Torrance Gardens area Parking Permit District, please consider this email communication as opposition to the dissolution of the District.

Thank you -

Mary Huben  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 2, 2024 6:36 PM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** Potential Dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District

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Traffic Commission:

For the Torrance Gardens safety and security, we do not want the dissolution of Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District.

**Please keep the current Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District.**

Torrance Garden Resident

Frances Teng  
[REDACTED] Hickory Ave

**From:** Terry Lopez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 2, 2024 8:21 PM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** Torrance Gardens Permit Parking

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Please continue the Parking Permits for Torrance Gardens.

T Lopez  
Torrance Gardens Tesident

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** Peggy Soukup [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 3, 2024 9:58 AM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** Permit parking Torrance gardens

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Sent from my iPhone

As a Torrance Gardens resident I would like to express my concerns and objection over eliminating the permit parking in our area. I have lived here for 33 years and do not want to see this changed.

Prior to implementing the permit parking, there was the littering of trash and dirty diapers on my parkway from the workers at the nearby business.

In addition, many residents may build ADU's and this parking availability will be essential.

Sincerely,  
Peggy Soukup

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Cheryl Barnett [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 3, 2024 10:20 AM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** Dissolution of Torrance Gardens Permit Parking

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To Honorable Mayor and City Council Members and Torrance Traffic Commission,

I highly oppose the deletion of the two hour limit on our streets bound by Maple, Maricopa, Torrance Blvd. and Crenshaw.

I understand the purpose and this limitation was because of problems in the past with businesses using our streets for parking.

This house has been in family for 73 years. I will not let this area become a free parking zone for your proposed obscene amount of units along Maricopa and onward. I think all know what your purpose is here to create more parking for the future of this housing development because there will be lack of this on the property.

My parents moved here because it was a safe and beautiful neighborhood (well not as much because of your tree removal and crime) and by the way, my Dad was on the Torrance Police Force back in the day and he would be opposed to this as well.

I know you are in a situation with the mandate. There has to be another way. There are young families who moved here for the relative peace and quiet and safety. The only positive is if the refinery blows, those colossal units would possibly create somewhat of a barrier.

Cheryl Barnett  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Faysmith Ave.  
Torrance 90503  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Margie Provine [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 4, 2024 2:13 PM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** Parking permits

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Sent from my iPhone

I am a Torrance Gardens resident and would like the permitted parking to remain in effect.  
Thank you.



**From:** MYRA WILSON [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 4, 2024 10:16 PM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** TORRANCE GARDENS PARKING PERMIT

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To All Council People,

I am a resident of TORRANCE GARDENS (Faysmith Ave.) for over 20yrs and I am requesting that our RESIDENCE PERMIT parking remain in our neighborhood.

The reason we have lived in this neighborhood so long is because myself and our neighbors have an understanding and respect for the minimal parking we have in front of our homes, by not taking over each others' spaces on a daily basis. Of course on occasions, when we have gatherings, we expect that we need to accommodate each others' guests. By removing our Residence Parking permit, this may now cause frustration and possibly littering in front of our homes, if we have outside residence park on our street. I cannot afford to park far from my home and walk when I get home from work at night since I recently had a knee injury.

We ask that you please DO NOT discontinue our RESIDENT PERMIT. We need this to stay in place to keep Torrance Gardens a neighborhood that we can be proud of living here for many more years.

Thank you!  
Myra Wilson

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Lindsay Poole [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 4, 2024 10:33 PM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** Torrance Gardens parking permits

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Hello City of Torrance permit team,  
I'm a resident and home owner in the Torrance Gardens neighborhood.  
My husband and I were fortunate enough to buy and renovate in January of 2021. We fell in love with Torrance Gardens because the quiet, clean, open space, 'neighborhood' vibe it provided for our young children (now aged 4 and 5).

**We want and NEED to keep the permit parking in place!** This is very important for the safety of our children and for all the kids that walk to Fern Elementary school.

Thank you for your time.

Lindsay Poole

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 4, 2024 11:24 PM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** TORRANCE GARDENS - RESIDENCE PERMIT PARKING

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Hello,

I am a resident of TORRANCE GARDENS and am requesting that our RESIDENCE PERMIT PARKING remain in our neighborhood.

We did not vote to have affordable housing in our neighborhood built across Maricopa Street since this will bring more traffic and visitors into our neighborhood. By keeping our RESIDENCE PERMIT, this will help alleviate an increase of cars parking on our street. It is frustrating after working a full day and coming home and not being able to park in front of my own home.

We want TORRANCE GARDENS to remain a quiet and nice neighborhood to live for many years.

Thank you!  
John Wilson

**From:** Daryl Kobayashi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 5, 2024 4:58 AM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** re: Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District

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Dear Torrance Traffic Commission,

My name is Daryl Kobayashi and I live in Torrance Gardens on Faysmith Ave. I would like to see the **continuation** of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District since it would limit the parking congestion at the ends of the streets near the businesses on Maricopa St. Also, having more cars parked on the south side of Maricopa will make it hard for us residents to turn onto Maricopa safely. Having more cars parked on the south side of Maricopa will decrease the visibility of the oncoming traffic. The posted speed limit for this street is 35mph but I often see cars going way faster than this (45mph+).

On the south side of the neighborhood, when S-Mart was there, there were a lot of cars parked on Torrance Blvd. between Elm Ave and Eriel Ave. In the mornings and afternoons, parents dropping off and picking up their children from Fern Elementary park on Torrance Blvd and Faysmith Ave.

I can see in the future the businesses on Maricopa being replaced by condos or apartments which would greatly impact the parking situation on Maricopa St. This also goes for the old S-mart location if condos or apartments will be erected there.

I also see in the future when the Metro line is completed, the Torrance Transit Center parking lot will not be able to handle the volume of cars so people will park their vehicles in Torrance Gardens. And, a few years after that, parking at the Torrance Transit Center will not be free anymore so more people will park their cars in Torrance Gardens.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Daryl Kobayashi

**From:** Don [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 5, 2024 5:02 AM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Agenda Item 7B of the August 5, 2024 Traffic Commission Regular Meeting

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(Comments re Agenda Item 7B of the August 5, 2024 Traffic Commission Regular Meeting.)

My name is Donald Kohlmiller. My wife, Mary Jo, and I live [REDACTED] on the South side of Maricopa Street. We have lived there since 1967.

**We are firmly against the dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District.**

I have carefully read the Agenda for the upcoming meeting including the memo from Craig Bilezerian to the Commission with regards to Item 7B. I remember the situation in 1995 and was very happy when the City Council finally became convinced that the residents needed relief.

The memo, however, does not mention what we feel is a very significant reason to keep the Permit Parking District. The reason is the City of Torrance Housing Corridor Overlay area which is on the North side of Maricopa Street from Maple Ave. to Crenshaw Blvd. The Overlay allows housing to be built with fewer on-site parking spaces than would usually be required. As many as 1600 dwelling units may be built and will almost certainly have many drivers that will want to park on the street in Torrance Gardens. (The memo from Bilezerian mentions some parking incursions into Torrance Gardens from the Belmar townhome development in 2017. This development has only about 100 dwelling units and I assume was required to provide the standard number of on-site parking spaces---but still has drivers parking on the street.)

The Bilezerian memo lists reasons for dissolving the District but they seem very minimal to me. I agree that the business that employed the people that overwhelmed our streets with parked cars is long gone and I currently have no problem finding a place to park at our home. But, the memo did not address the current situation across from the courthouse or what might be expected once a market (or other business) returns to the corner of Torrance Blvd. and Crenshaw Blvd.

I would be surprised if the Community Development Department is being overwhelmed by requests for parking permits in Torrance Gardens. And, while I see that many of the 2-hour parking signs are faded, will removing the signs really improve the neighborhood aesthetics since we now have signs for parking restrictions on street-sweeping days.

Please just leave the Permit Parking District in place for now. Thank you.



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**From:** Brian Weiss [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 5, 2024 6:32 AM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** Gardens parking permit

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Hello,

I'm a resident of the Gardens neighborhood and I oppose taking away the permit parking in the neighborhood.

Thank you,

Brian

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jenifer Kling [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 5, 2024 7:16 AM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** Parking permits

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Please keep the parking permits as they are. They're necessary and appreciated for residents especially those directly across from the Civic Center Thank you.

Jenifer King

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**From:** tacochily <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 5, 2024 7:33 AM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** 8/5 Traffic Agenda for Torrance Gardena Parking 1017 Faysmith

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Please note that it is an absolute must we keep the 2 hour parking and permits in the neighborhood. In had many instances where my family could not park on close vicinity as various none neighborhood people park in the street. Please do not remove parking permits or hours of parking.

Sent from my Galaxy



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**From:** Juan Cornejo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 5, 2024 10:02 AM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** Traffic Gardens Permit Parking

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Dear Sirs:

Regarding the potential dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District, please note my opposition to such dissolution.

Parking for the future development of affordable housing across the street from my house on Maricopa Avenue will not be sufficient to accommodate such growth, leading to new homeowners and tenants parking on out streets. Thank you for your attention to to this request.

Juan Cornejo  
[REDACTED] Cerise Ave  
Torrance

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Steve von Biela [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 5, 2024 10:10 AM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** Potential Dissolution of Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District

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Traffic Commission:

My name is Steve von Biela and I live at [REDACTED] Faysmith Ave. I am writing in support of keeping the Torrance Gardens Parking Permit District as it currently exists. This program has worked well for years and I would like to see remain into the foreseeable future.

Sincerely  
Steve von Biela

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Evelyn Oreta [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 5, 2024 12:36 PM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** Re; Public Comment - About Discussion of Potential Dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permt Parking District

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to your good office about my concern of the Dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District. I am residing at [REDACTED] Faysmith Avenue Torrance, Ca 90503.

I am petitioning that I want permitted parking to remain in effect. Thank you for your very kind consideration.

Very truly yours,

Evelyn B Oreta

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**From:** Marti roberts [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 5, 2024 12:50 PM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** Torrance Gardens Permits

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My name is Martha Roberts at [REDACTED] Faysmith Avenue. I'm requesting to NOT dissolve our parking permits due to the parking problem coming up in our city.

Thank you!

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**From:** kathleen ringsby [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 5, 2024 12:58 PM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** Torrance Gardens KEEP Parking Permits

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To the Torrance Traffic Commission

As a long term resident of Torrance on Faysmith Avenue, I am requesting your consideration and Vote to maintain the parking permits!

Rationale is, as you mentioned in your brief, a single business had overflow into all of the streets. At the current time, Tuesday and Wednesdays all parking spots are full until after street sweeping. Multiple families living in the same home and ADUs on every street in the gardens area so we really need your vote for o keep access to our homes and accommodate the changes. We have been paying these taxes for years and love our community.

Thank you in advance for your advocacy!

Kathleen Ringsby. On Faysmith

**From:** Michael Howard [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 5, 2024 12:59 PM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** Request to Maintain Permit Parking (Torrance Gardens)

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Dear Torrance City Council & whom it may concern,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing to express my urgent support for the continuation of parking permits in our neighborhood, Torrance Gardens, and to **request that this district (and system) remain in place.**

The parking permit program has been a vital aspect of our community, helping to manage and regulate parking in a way that benefits both residents and local businesses. It has significantly improved the availability of parking spaces for residents and has contributed to reducing congestion and unauthorized parking by non-residents.

Our neighborhood has seen a noticeable difference in the quality of parking. Residents appreciate the assurance that they have access to parking spaces near their homes. Maintaining this system will help ensure that our neighborhood remains a pleasant and convenient place to live.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Michael Howard  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 5, 2024 1:22 PM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** Torrance Gardens Permit Parking District

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As a 34 year resident of the Torrance Gardens area I've witnessed many changes to this neighborhood. Some good, many not so good. I believe the residents living along Maple Ave. have experienced more of the negative impacts of the changes (at least now that MPA has relocated to California St.) than maybe the other blocks, from the fireworks being move from Wilson Park to the significant increase in traffic resulting from the construction of the grade separation on Del Amo Blvd. between Maple Ave. and Crenshaw Blvd.", to the soccer facilities on Maple Ave north of Civic Center Drive. We've had to deal with an increase in the chronic homeless population around both the City Hall complex and the Courthouse property. The homeless issues has been a problem since long before the shelters were installed. In addition to the waste left behind when the homeless move on that in many cases blows across Maple into our yards, we also had a bugle player that decided the very early morning hours (2-3am) was a good time to practice. Regarding the matter at-hand, I strongly support the posting of the east side of Maple Ave. as resident parking only. I would prefer that the two-hour limit be reduced to one or completely eliminated. In addition to the inconvenience of guests not being able to park near our house is the nuisance of having to clean up soiled baby diapers, fast food packaging and empty soda and alcoholic beverage containers left behind by the occupants of the vehicles that visit the courthouse. Currently the only parking restriction signs on Maple are for Monday street sweeping. There are no permit parking signs. A few of the cars that regularly park on the east side of Maple and stay there all day are those of employees at the courthouse and those on jury duty. So please keep the permit parking and repost Maple Ave . Thank you

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**From:** Kari Gallegos [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 5, 2024 1:42 PM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** Urgent-Dissolution of parking permits

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Dear Members of the City Council,

I hope this message finds you well. As a resident of Torrance Gardens, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed dissolution of the parking permit system in our area.

The current parking permit system plays a crucial role in ensuring that residents like myself have access to convenient and adequate parking near our homes. Without it, we risk experiencing increased competition for parking spaces from non-residents, which could lead to significant inconvenience and frustration for those of us who live here.

Maintaining the parking permit system is essential not only for convenience but also for preserving the quality of life in our community. The current system helps to manage the parking situation effectively and ensures that our residential streets remain accessible and safe.

I kindly request that the city council reconsider the proposal to dissolve the parking permits and instead work towards solutions that address any concerns while preserving the benefits that the permit system provides to our neighborhood.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to your favorable response.

Sincerely,

Kari Gallegos  
[REDACTED] Faysmith Ave. Torrance  
[REDACTED]



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**From:** GARY MEYER [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 5, 2024 1:43 PM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** Potential Dissolution of Torrance Gardens Permit Pkg

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I am a current resident of Torrance Gardens! I am heavily opposed to the dissolution of the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking! With the proposed building of new residential housing in our area the parking in our neighborhood could greatly increase!

I would like our neighborhood to remain quaint and quiet!

Sincerely

Gary and Melody Meyer  
[REDACTED] Faysmith Ave.

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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**From:** Susan Toyama [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 5, 2024 1:49 PM  
**To:** Traffic Commission  
**Subject:** Torrance Gardens Parking Permits

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To Torrance Traffic Commission:

I am a resident of Torrance Gardens, my name is Susan Toyama and I live on Faysmith Avenue.

I would like the Torrance Gardens Permit Parking to be continued. If the parking permits do not continue our street will be full of cars most of which will not be our neighbors.

In addition, residents will have more likelihood of getting into an accident due to car parking congestion. Especially with grade school children from Fern Elementary School crossing Torrance Boulevard.

Lastly, with the Metrorail system in place. I can see residents not able to park on their own street due to overflow from the Torrance Transit Center.

Please do not approve removing the parking permits.

Thank you,

Susan Toyama