

The Social Services Commission is an advisory body to the City Council that generally meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The Commission may make recommendations to the City Council on Veterans affairs, homeless issues, adults with development disabilities, and children with special needs. All meetings are open to the public except for those portions that under law may be considered in closed session.

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**TORRANCE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION AGENDA
OCTOBER 24, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M. WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM
LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commission Members Furey, Leys, Pryor, Reynolds, Sansalone, Wright, Chair Bickford

2. FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Reynolds

3. REPORT OF 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 October 17, 2024

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS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 comment on items on the Consent Calendar or items 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 the 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 26, 2024

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION FROM TORRANCE HOMELESS STREET OUTREACH TEAM

7B. ACCEPT AND FILE UPDATE FROM STAFF ON THE 2024 VETERANS APPRECIATION EVENT

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of the Social Services Commission Meeting to Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 6:00 pm for a regular meeting in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Social Services Commission convened in a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at the West Annex Commission Meeting Room, Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Furey, Leys, Pryor, Reynolds, Sansalone and Chair Bickford

Absent: Commissioner Wright

Also Present: Deputy City Manager Hoang, Staff Liaisons-in Training Candice Lau and Lauren Allen and Veterans Event Coordinator LeAnne Chen

MOTION: Commissioner Pryor moved to approve the excused absence of Commissioner Wright; motion was seconded by Commissioner Furey. The motion passed by a 6-0 roll call vote. (Absent Commissioner Wright)

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Pryor.

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

Staff Liaison-in Training Lau stated that the agenda for the Social Services Commission was properly posted on September 13, 2024 on the Public Notice Board by the City Clerk's office and on the City's website.

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

Staff Liaison-in Training Lau stated that there were no withdrawn or deferred items, but noted that there were supplemental items available of hard copies of the presentation for Item 7A.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 22, 2024

MOTION: Commissioner Pryor moved to approve Item 6A, as submitted; motion was seconded by Commissioner Sansalone. The motion passed by a 6-0 roll call vote. (Absent Commissioner Wright)

7. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

7A. **ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION ON EXODUS RECOVERY'S FULL-SERVICE PARTNERSHIP (FSP) AND WELLNESS CLINIC IN SERVICE PLANNING AREA 8 (SPA 8)**

Deputy City Manager Hoang presented the report for the item and introduced Housing Specialist Thuy Do. Ms. Do provided an overview of the Exodus FSP and SPA 8 Wellness Clinic in Redondo Beach. She noted that the population of the program was between 26-59 years of age, but added that some 18–20-year-olds were occasionally accepted. She discussed the elements of the Wellness Clinic out-patient mental health service which provided: group and individual therapy, rehabilitation, education, symptom management, life skills building, socialization and friendship. She noted that the service also supplied medication support and links to community healthcare, employment, education resources and supportive housing. She listed the populations served by the FSP program: homeless or those at risk of becoming homeless, those involved in justice, either incarcerated or on probation, those who had had 3+ visits to a medical or psych facility in the past year or those released from an institution or state hospital in the last 6 months and currently on a conservatorship. She explained that the FSP worked with both the needs of the client and their family and noted that the program had a high success rate of reducing and preventing psychotic hospitalization as well as assisting clients in maintaining stability in the community. She added that in addition to the Redondo Beach location there were other Exodus Recovery Centers locations in Los Angeles County.

Deputy City Manager Hoang introduced the City's Outreach coordinators: Irene Sanchez, Valerie Hernandez and Norma Olvera and noted that they would meet with Ms. Do outside of the meeting to continue the discussion.

There was public comment.

MOTION: Commissioner Reynolds moved to accept and file Item 7A as submitted; motion was seconded by Commissioner Furey. The motion passed by a 6-0 roll call vote. (Absent Commissioner Wright)

7B. **APPROVE SCHEDULING OF JOINT MEETING WITH PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Deputy City Manager Hoang presented the report for the item.

The Commission concurred on the following dates: Wednesday, February 5, 2025, Wednesday, February 26, 2025, Wednesday, March 5, 2025 and Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

There was no public comment.

MOTION: Commissioner Furey moved to approve the dates for the Joint meeting with Parks and Recreation Commission; motion was seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. The motion passed by a 6-0 roll call vote. (Absent Commissioner Wright)

7C. APPROVE PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 4-11, 2024 AS MILITARY VETERANS' APPRECIATION WEEK IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

LeAnne Chen, Veterans Appreciation Event Coordinator, presented the report for the item and noted that the date for the presentation had been changed to October 29, 2024.

The following Commissioners confirmed that they could attend the City Council meeting on October 29, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.: Furey, Pryor, Reynolds, Sansalone and Chair Bickford.

There was no public comment.

MOTION: Commissioner Pryor moved to approve the Proclamation declaring November 4-11, 2024 as Military Veterans Appreciation Week in the City of Torrance; motion was seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. The motion passed by a 6-0 roll call vote. (Absent Commissioner Wright)

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Bickford requested that the Proclamation be displayed within the City.

LeAnne Chen confirmed that the Proclamation would be displayed near the resource booths at the 2024 Veterans Appreciation Lunch and Resource Fair. She explained that she had distributed envelopes to all the Commissioners which contained invitations for the Lunch and Resource Fair which could be distributed to organizations or establishments.

Deputy City Manager Hoang confirmed that Chair Bickford would announce the 2024 Veterans Appreciation Lunch and Resource Fair at the October 8 City Council Commission meeting and accept the Proclamation declaring November 4-11, 2024 as Military Veterans Appreciation Week in the City of Torrance at the October 29 Council meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. At 6:59 p.m., Commissioner Pryor moved to adjourn the meeting to the regular meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the West Annex Commission Meeting Room, Torrance City Hall. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sansalone and the motion passed by a 6-0 roll call vote. (Absent Commissioner Wright)

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Commission Meeting of
October 24, 2024

Honorable Members of the Social Services Commission
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Commission:

SUBJECT: Accept and File Update from Staff on the 2024 Veterans Appreciation Event

RECOMMENDATION

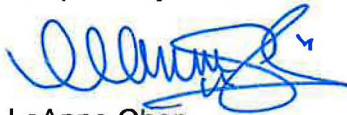
Recommendation of staff that the Social Services Commission receive an update on the 2024 Veterans Appreciation Event.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The Torrance Social Services Commission is holding its annual Veterans Appreciation Event on Friday, November 8, 2024. The event is 10 am – 1 pm at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center. Registration for the event is open to the public October 2 – October 27, 2004 and marketing for the event has begun.

This evening, Veterans Event Coordinator LeAnne Chen will be providing your Honorable Body with the run-of-events for November 8.

Respectfully submitted,



LeAnne Chen
Veterans Event Coordinator



Viet Hoang
Staff Liaison to the Commission

Commission Meeting of
October 24, 2024

Honorable Members of the Social Services Commission
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Commission:

SUBJECT: Accept and File Presentation from Torrance Homeless Street Outreach Team

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of Staff that the Social Services Commission accept and file a presentation from the Torrance Homeless Street Outreach Team.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The Street Outreach Team leads the City's efforts in locating, identifying, and building relationships with people experiencing homelessness in Torrance, with the ultimate purpose of connecting individuals with services necessary to support them in attaining permanent housing.

The City's Street Outreach Team, comprised of three Outreach Coordinators, works closely with the Torrance Police Department's Community Lead Officers (CLOs) to respond to many incoming requests from community members. The Street Outreach Team and CLOs also partner with other nonprofits and government agencies to provide services to the unhoused community.

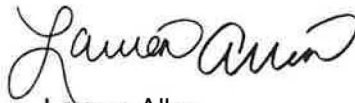
The City's Street Outreach Team operates Monday through Friday during regular business hours. Beginning October 1, 2024, the Outreach Team is piloting Saturday coverage and will assess efficacy of weekend services.

During tonight's meeting, your Honorable Body will hear from Outreach Coordinators Valerie Hernandez, Norma Olvera and Irene Sanchez with an update on the City's progress in addressing homelessness through the Street Outreach program.

Respectfully submitted,



Viet Hoang
Staff Liaison to the Commission



Lauren Allen
Staff Liaison-In-Training



Candice Lau
Staff Liaison-In-Training