

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
APRIL 23, 2026
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 Bickford, De La Rosa, Furey, Johnson, Leys, Wright, Chair Pryor

2. FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Leys

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 April 15, 2026

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 30-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 2 minutes 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. APPROVE MINUTES: MARCH 26, 2026

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION FROM THE TORRANCE COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, RECREATION SERVICES DIVISION, ADAPTIVE RECREATION AND SPORTS PROGRAM

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

- 9A.** Adjournment of the Social Services Commission Meeting to Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 6:00 pm for a regular meeting in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room



March 26, 2026

**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, March 26, 2026 at the West Annex Commission Meeting Room, Torrance City Hall 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bickford, De La Rosa, Johnson, Wright and Chair Pryor

Absent: Commissioner Furey and *Leys

Also Present: Deputy City Manager Hoang and Staff Liaison in-Training O'Neill

MOTION: Commissioner Wright moved to approve the excused absence of Commissioner Furey; motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson. The motion passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. (Absent: Commissioners Furey and *Leys)

*Commissioner Leys arrived at 6:17 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Johnson.

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

Staff Liaison in-Training O'Neill stated that the agenda for the Social Services Commission was properly posted on March 17, 2026 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 ITEM

Staff Liaison in-Training O'Neill stated that there were no withdrawn or deferred items, but that there was a supplemental item for Item 7A.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 26, 2026

MOTION: Commissioner Wright moved to approve the minutes of February 26, 2026; motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson. The motion passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. (Absent: Commissioners Furey and *Leys)

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

Deputy City Manager Hoang presented the report for the item and introduced Outreach Coordinators Valerie Hernandez and Norma Olvera who discussed the referral process for the Outreach Services and the day-to-day activities involved in the street outreach efforts to provide services and connect clients to benefits: including housing and mental health supportive services or the services provided by the Community Lead Officers. She discussed a success story for one of their clients. She explained the services provided by the 3290 Temporary Shelter and provided information on single room occupancies available in Wilmington.

*Commissioner Leys arrived at 6:17 p.m.

Outreach Coordinator Olvera discussed the outreach results as of December 2025 and listed the various ways to report or refer an individual for services through the City's website or app, via email or text.

Deputy City Manager Hoang discussed and explained the various sources for the City's Homeless Services operating budget and the outreach staff. He outlined the funding that supported 3290 Interim Housing and noted the potential challenges for funding and counseling in the upcoming years.

Outreach Coordinator Olvera concluded that there was no one solution to homelessness and noted that each individual needed a customized solution.

There was no public comment.

MOTION: Commissioner Wright moved to accept and file 7A, Presentation from the Torrance Homeless Outreach Team; motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson. The motion passed by a 6-0 roll call vote. (Absent: Commissioner Furey)

7B. DISCUSS AND APPROVE HOLDING CITY-SPONSORED HYGIENE AND LAUNDRY SUPPLY DRIVE FOR 3290 TEMPORARY HOUSING VILLAGE

Deputy City Manager Hoang presented the report for the item, listed the full-size items needed and noted that there might be a storage site available to store and sort the collected items.

There was no public comment.

MOTION: Commissioner Wright moved to approve holding a city-sponsored hygiene and laundry supply drive for 3290 Temporary Housing Village from April 13-24, 2026; motion was seconded by Commissioner Bickford. The motion passed by a 6-0 roll call vote. (Absent: Commissioner Furey)

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Wright requested an excused absence from the April meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:14 p.m., Commissioner Bickford moved to adjourn the meeting to April 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the West Annex Commission Meeting Room, Torrance City Hall. The motion was seconded by Commissioner De la Rosa. The motion passed with a 6-0 roll call vote. (Absent: Commissioner Furey)

Commission Meeting of
April 23, 2026

Honorable Members of the Social Services Commission
City Hall

Torrance, California

Members of the Commission:

SUBJECT: Accept and File Presentation from the Torrance Community Services Department, Recreation Services Division, Adaptive Recreation and Sports Program

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of Staff that the Social Services Commission accept and file a presentation from the Torrance Community Services Department, Recreation Services Division, Adaptive Recreation and Sports Program.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The jurisdiction of the Torrance Social Services Commission includes providing advisory recommendations to City Council related to adults with developmental disabilities and youth with special needs. At a recent Social Services Commission meeting, your Honorable Body requested a presentation from the Torrance Community Services Department on programs and services that support members of the community who happen to have developmental disabilities or special needs.

The Torrance Community Services Department helps residents find purpose, identity, and self-worth through Cultural Arts, Library, Parks and Recreation. The team delivers services to the community with integrity, honesty, and respect, while fostering lifelong learning, personal development, and joy.

This evening, your Honorable Body will hear from Community Services staff in the Recreation Services Division, on programs and services within their Adaptive Recreation and Sports program. The Adaptive Recreation & Sports Program offers an inclusive, community-based program designed to provide individuals ages 12 and older with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to participate in recreation and sports in a safe, supportive, and empowering environment.

Respectfully submitted,



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Staff Liaison to the Commission