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**TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA
AUGUST 16, 2022
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. AT WEST ANNEX COMMISSION ROOM
CITY HALL, 3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD
TORRANCE, CA CALIFORNIA 90503**

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commission members Farao, Gibson, Obejas, Suruki, Thomas, Sharma, Thoma

2. FLAG SALUTE

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 Thursday, August 11, 2022.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS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 public comment on items not on the agenda under the subject matter of the Traffic Commission. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Commissioners 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. Speakers under this Public Comment period will have no longer than 3 minutes per speaker.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR - None Scheduled

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.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (DISCUSSION ITEMS)

7A. Consider Appeal of Staff's Denial of an Application for Temporary Street Closure Permit on W. 235th Street between Haas Avenue and Cabrillo Avenue

8. COMMISSION AND STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of Traffic Commission Meeting to Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 7a

TO: Traffic Commission

FROM: Craig Bilezerian, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Consider Appeal of Staff's Denial of an Application for Temporary Street Closure Permit on W. 235th Street between Haas Avenue and Cabrillo Avenue

RECOMMENDATION

The Public Works Director recommends that the Traffic Commission deny the appeal of staff's denial of an application for a Temporary Street Closure Permit on W. 235th Street between Haas Avenue and Cabrillo Avenue.

BACKGROUND

Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) Division 3 Chapter 9 (Street Closing Permits) (Attachment A) provides a process through which an applicant or organization can apply to close a public street for a special event. Each application is vetted by a City team consisting of staff from the Police, Fire, Public Works, and Community Development Departments. If an application is approved, a street closure permit would then be issued by the Community Development Department. If an application is denied, the applicant(s) can appeal staff's denial to the Traffic Commission. The decision of the Traffic Commission can then be appealed to the City Council.

For approved Street Closing Permits, permittees obtain street barricades from the Public Works Department and place the barricades at the permitted closure points on the day and time permitted. No additional traffic control devices are provided by the City.

On July 21, 2022, the resident at 2065 W. 235th Street applied for a Temporary Street Closing Permit to close W. 235th Street between Haas Avenue and Cabrillo Avenue (from 2054 to 2076 West 235th Street) for an event on September 5, 2022 (See Attachment B). The stated purpose of the temporary street closure is to host a neighborhood block party on Labor Day. The City team subsequently denied the application via a letter issued by Community Development Department on July 21, 2022 (Attachment C). The denial was due to safety concerns including traffic volumes, movements and characteristics of the street segment. On July 22, 2022, the same resident filed an appeal to the Traffic Commission (Attachment D).

In 2021, a Temporary Street Closing Permit was issued and a street closure was implemented on July 3, 2021 for a party on 235th Street between Haas Avenue and Cabrillo Avenue. Although a permit was issued, the City's review of the 2021 Street Closing Permit application was not as extensive as normal due to staffing vacancies during the pandemic. This year, review efforts have increased and traffic control requirements are stricter due to notable nationwide incidents of vehicle intrusion and incursion into street events resulting in

casualties. Recent street closure events conducted by the City have included a significant amount of traffic control devices, including concrete barriers to prevent vehicle intrusion and/or incursion into the events. Additionally, City staff was deployed to monitor and manage traffic control devices during the events. Although concrete barriers are not currently required for neighborhood street closing permits, staff is careful to allow street closures only on streets with low traffic volumes and where diverted traffic would be minimal. Staff is not aware of any complaints received regarding the 2021 closure; however, staff believes this street is not a candidate for temporary street closure and does not support closure in 2022.

ANALYSIS

235th Street is a residential street serving the southeast Torrance residential area. It is the only street south of Sepulveda Boulevard that extends, uninterrupted, from Crenshaw Boulevard to Western Avenue (See Map, Attachment E). Traffic counts taken in 2018 indicate that 4,332 vehicles travelled on 235th Street between Arlington Avenue and Cabrillo Avenue on a Saturday which is similar to traffic volumes that would be expected on a holiday such as Labor Day. The intersection of 235th Street at Arlington Avenue is controlled by a traffic signal. This is the only traffic signal within the southeast Torrance neighborhood. The intersection of 235th Street at Cabrillo Avenue is controlled by an ALL-WAY STOP.

235th Street is 40 feet in width and is the widest east/west street in the neighborhood. It has double-yellow centerline striping and white edge lines on both sides to separate through traffic from parked vehicles. This is the only east/west street in the neighborhood with this striping configuration.

The intersection of 235th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard is controlled by a traffic signal and 235th Street west of this intersection is a Minor Arterial street carrying 10,000 vehicles per day on weekends.

Staff Justification for Denial of the Appeal

Staff recommends denial of the appeal for the following reasons:

1. The Street Closing Permit application submitted requests permission to close 235th Street from 2054 to 2076 West 235th Street. These limits include only 10 homes; however, the closure would impact 48 homes along this 1,650-foot-long segment of 235th Street. This means that 38 homes not involved in the event would be impacted.
2. 235th Street is the only street in the neighborhood that extends, uninterrupted, from Crenshaw Boulevard to Western Avenue and is used as a through street between Crenshaw Boulevard and Western Avenue. Temporary closure would cause a disruption to through traffic.
3. Temporary closure of 235th Street at Haas Avenue and Cabrillo Avenue would divert traffic onto adjacent parallel streets, primarily 234th Street.
4. 234th Street is not suitable to carry the diverted traffic due to the existence of a large obstruction at 2113 234th Street which reduces the street width by more than half to approximately 14 feet (See image, Attachment F).
5. 235th Street is a primary route used by public safety to access the neighborhood. Temporary closure would delay emergency response.

The intent of the Temporary Street Closing Permit program is, in part, to provide residents the ability to conduct short-term neighborhood events safely on City streets where closure

would not delay emergency response and would not subject nearby streets to significant diverted traffic. The proposed temporary closure would affect emergency response and would divert a significant volume of traffic onto adjacent routes, primarily 234th Street which is not suitable to carry the diverted traffic.

The review team recommends denial of the appeal and against issuance of a Temporary Street Closing Permit as requested in the application and appeal (Attachments B & D). Instead, the applicant may wish to consider conducting their event at a local City park and not in the street right-of-way. Sur La Brea Park is located 1,200 feet from the proposed block party location and would be a more suitable location.

A public notice notifying residents of this meeting (Attachment G) was provided to 258 addresses in the area bounded by 233rd Street, 236th Street, Arlington Avenue and Cabrillo Avenue (Attachment H).

Correspondence received prior to the posting of the agenda are attached as Attachment I.

Respectfully submitted,

CRAIG BILEZERIAN
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

By 

Steven Finton, P.E.
Deputy Public Works Director – City Engineer

Attachment A: TMC Division 3 Chapter 9 (Street Closing Permits)
Attachment B: Temporary Street Closing Permit Application
Attachment C: July 21, 2022 Denial Letter
Attachment D: Appeal
Attachment E: Street Closure Vicinity Map
Attachment F: Image of Obstruction at 2113 234th Street
Attachment G: Public Notice
Attachment H: Notification Area Map
Attachment I: Correspondence received

CHAPTER 9 STREET CLOSING PERMITS

(Added by O-2743)

ARTICLE 1 - GENERALLY

39.1.1 PERMIT REQUIRED.

- a) Except as otherwise provided by law, it shall be unlawful, to close any public street unless a Street Closing Permit therefor has been issued in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.
- b) Any Street Closing Permit may be issued subject to such terms and conditions as are determined to be necessary and proper for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare. Street Closing Permits shall be issued to adults only.

39.1.2 FIRE LANES.

Any street closed pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter shall at all times have a fifteen (15) foot wide emergency vehicle lane which lane shall extend throughout the closed area of the street and beyond to the next intersection in both directions. Said lane, shall be at all times kept clear of all obstructions to provide emergency vehicular access.

39.1.3 FIRE HYDRANTS.

No obstruction shall be erected or maintained within a fifteen (15) foot wide radius of any fire hydrant.

39.1.4 TIME LIMITS.

No Street Closing Permit shall be issued for any duration longer than one (1) calendar day, nor for any time before 8:00 AM or after 12:00 midnight.

39.1.5 CLOSURE LIMITS.

No Street Closing Permit shall be issued to allow the closure of an intersection or any street for more than six hundred (600) feet measured along the centerline of the road, or three hundred (300) feet on a cul-de-sac or dead end.

39.1.6 NUMBER.

No more than five (5) temporary street closures will be permitted on the same calendar day in any fire station initial response area. Applications therefor will be considered on a chronological (first come - first served) basis.

39.1.7 DEPARTMENT.

Any event for which a Street Closing Permit has been issued shall be conducted in such a manner as not to unduly disturb the public peace.

39.1.8 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

At no event for which a Street Closing Permit has been issued shall there be permitted the sale of alcoholic beverages nor the consumption thereof by any minor.

39.1.9 CLEANUP.

Any person or persons issued a Street Closing Permit shall, at the conclusion of the event for which such permit was issued, return all public properties to their original condition.

39.1.10 STREET BARRICADES.

Any person or persons issued a Street Closing Permit shall personally pick up and return all necessary street barricades, place, remove and maintain their proper position during the approved time, and notify Fire and Police Departments as to exact time of their placement and removal.

39.1.11 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, the Chief of Police and/or the Fire Chief or their delegates may impose such additional conditions or requirements as each may deem reasonably necessary for the protection of health and safety.

39.1.12 INTERFERENCE WITH EVENT.

No person shall join or participate in any event for which a Street Closing Permit has been issued without the express or implied consent of the permittee, nor shall any person interfere with its orderly conduct.

39.1.13 REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION.

Any Street Closing Permit may be suspended or revoked pursuant to the provisions of Article [9](#) of Chapter [1](#), Division [3](#) (Section [31.9.1](#). et seq.) of this Code.

ARTICLE 2 - APPLICATION PROCEDURES

39.2.1 APPLICATIONS.

- a) Every application for a Street Closing Permit shall be made in writing upon such forms as shall be designed and promulgated by the City Manager.
- b) All applications for a Street Closing Permit shall include:
 - 1) The names, addresses and signatures of the applicant or applicants, or, if the applicant is an organization, of its responsible officer(s).
 - 2) The exact location of the desired street closure and the date and times therefor.
 - 3) The names, addresses and written consent of all owners of property abutting the affected street.
 - 4) A description of the nature of the event, the estimated number of participants, and the nature of entertainment at the event, if any.

39.2.2 FILING.

Every application for a Street Closing Permit shall be filed with the City Manager or his designate not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the event.

39.2.3 DEPOSIT.

As a condition of issuance of any Street Closing Permit, a refundable deposit may be required to insure cleanup or repair of public property after the event for which the street has been closed.

39.2.4 DAMAGES; INSURANCE.

- a) Any person or persons to whom a Street Closing Permit has been issued shall be liable for any loss or damage to any City property arising out of the issuance or exercise of said permit.
- b) As a condition to the issuance of any Street Closing Permit, the permittee or permittees may be required to provide insurance to indemnify the City from any and all damages and costs of litigation arising out of the issuance and use of such permit.

39.2.5 PERMIT PROCESSING.

Upon receipt of any Street Closing Permit application, the City Manager or his designate, prior to his issuing a permit, shall forward the same to the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, and Director of Transportation for their review and approval. The City Manager shall issue a Street Closing Permit upon his finding of the following:

- a) That the proposed activity or use of the street will not unreasonably interfere with traffic circulation in the area, and
- b) That the proposed activity and use will not be detrimental to the public health, welfare, safety and recreation, and
- c) That the proposed activity or use will not entail extraordinary or burdensome expense to the emergency services of the City.

39.2.6 APPEAL.

- a) The decision to grant or deny any application for a Street Closing Permit may be appealed to the Traffic Commission.
- b) The decision of the Traffic Commission may be appealed to the City Council in accordance with Article [5](#) of Chapter [1](#) of Division [1](#) of the Torrance Municipal Code.

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APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY STREET CLOSING PERMIT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
CITY OF TORRANCE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD
TORRANCE, CA 90503

DATE: 7/21/2022

I, the undersigned, having read and understood the City of Torrance Municipal Code Sections **61.6.30**, and **Chapter 9** of Division 3, do hereby petition for the closure of

235th Street

(Street Name)

between

Cabrillo

(Cross Street)

and Haas Avenue

(Other Cross Street)

2054 to 2076 West 235th Street

(addresses at both ends of proposed street closure)

on Monday, 9/5/2022 from 10:30 to 15:30 for the purpose of Neighborhood Block Party
(Date & Day of Week) (Time) (Time) (Detailed Description)

I estimate that there will be 40 people participating.

Entertainment will consist of Water Games, Food, Bounce House, Conversation

I agree to comply with the provisions of the governing City Code and regulations and any other special conditions imposed by the City as listed below.

I certify that the list of affected residents/property owners appearing on the following page(s) of this application, or attached, includes all parcels of property abutting the affected street.

I, G. Rick Marshall, 2065 West 235th Street, 90501, (310) 346-7425
(Name in Print) (Address/Zip Code) Telephone

as applicant for the event and in accordance with City Policy, agree to be personally responsible for obtaining the permit for the street closure; and furthermore, I certify that I am 21 years old or older, and agree to:

1. Personally notify the Fire (310) 781-7042 and Police (310) 328-3456 Departments at the time when the barricades are placed AND when they are removed.
2. Supervise the placement and removal of the barricades, to be in place only during the approved time and to be removed within one hour after the conclusion of the event.
3. Assure that all necessary clean-up of streets and adjacent properties is performed.



Signature of Applicant

NOTE: NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED IF SUBMITTED LESS THAN 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE AND MORE THAN 90 DAYS PRIOR OF PROPOSED CLOSURE.

**INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT REQUIRED FOR ALL TEMPORARY
STREET CLOSURE APPLICATIONS**

*(This page to be included in its entirety on temporary street closure
application)*

The applicant(s), at their own expense, agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Torrance and its agents, officers, and employees from and against any lawsuit, claim, action, or proceeding (collectively referred to as "proceeding") brought against the City of Torrance, its agents, officers, attorneys and employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul the City's decision to approve the temporary street closing permit. This defense and indemnification obligation shall include, but not limited to, damages, fees and/or costs awarded against the City, if any, and cost of suit, attorney's fees and other costs, liabilities and expenses incurred in connection with such proceeding whether incurred by applicant, property owner, the City, and/or the parties initiating or bringing such proceeding.



Applicant Signature



Date

**UPDATED INFORMATIONAL CONDITION OF APPROVAL FOR ALL STREET CLOSURE
APPLICATIONS**

The applicant/permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Torrance or its agents, officers, and employees (CITY) from the following:

- (a) any claim, action, or proceeding against the CITY to attack, set aside, void, or annul an approval of the CITY; and,
 - (b) any claim, action or proceeding against the CITY to attack, set aside, void or annul any other decision made by the CITY concerning the street closing permit; and
- (a) and (b) above are hereinafter collectively referred to as "LITIGATION."

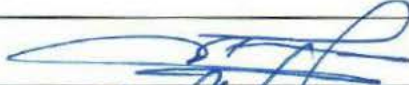
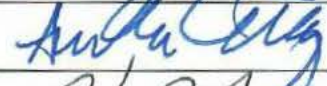



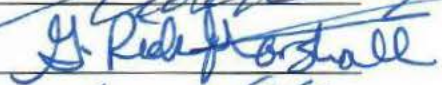
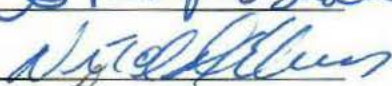
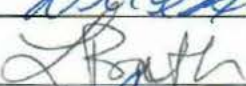

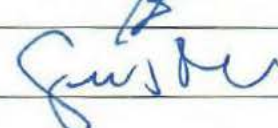
The CITY shall promptly notify the applicant/permittee of any LITIGATION and shall cooperate fully in the defense. If the CITY fails to promptly notify the applicant/permittee of any such LITIGATION or fails to cooperate fully in the defense, the applicant/permittee shall not, thereafter, be responsible to defend, indemnify or hold harmless the CITY.

The obligations imposed by this condition include but are not limited to the following the applicant/permittee shall pay all legal services expenses the City incurs in connection with any such LITIGATION whether it incurs such expenses directly whether it is ordered by a court to pay such expenses or whether it incurs such expenses by providing legal services through its Office of the City Attorney.

RESIDENTS/OWNERS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING STREET CLOSURES
(See temporary street closing permit application for details)

- NOTE:
1. Addresses should be in numerical order.
 2. Only one adult signature is needed per household.

We, the undersigned, do hereby consent to the Street Closing Permit as described on this application.

<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>NAME (PRINT)</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>
2054 West 235th St.	MAGDY NASSER	
2055 West 235th St.	Andrew Narevsky	
2060 West 235th St.	Harrison Hays	
2061 West 235th St.	Kay Dunn	
2064 West 235th St.	Victor Videlle Fabio	
2065 West 235th St.	G. Rick MARSHALL	
2069 West 235th St.	NICOLAS EBERIENOS	
2070 West 235th St.	Lisa Butth	
2075 West 235th St.	Lawrence So	
2076 West 235th St.	SUSANNE STAC	

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CITY OF
TORRANCE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

MICHELLE G. RAMIREZ
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

July 21, 2022

Mr. Rick Marshall
2065 W. 235th Street
Torrance, CA 90501

SUBJECT: Temporary Street Closure Request
W. 235th Street between Haas and Cabrillo Avenues

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for applying for a street closure permit with the City of Torrance. Your application for a temporary street closure of W. 235th Street between Haas and Cabrillo Avenues has been evaluated by a Review Committee consisting of staff representatives from the Police Department Traffic Division, Fire Department and Public Works Department. Based on the evaluation, your application has been denied based on various safety concerns including, but not limited to, traffic volumes, movements and characteristics of the street segment.

Please be advised that staff's decision to deny your application of a Street Closure Permit may be appealed to the Traffic Commission. The decision of the Traffic Commission may be appealed to the City Council in accordance with Article 5 of Chapter 1 of Division 1 of the Torrance Municipal Code.

If you have any further questions regarding the appeal process, please contact the Traffic Engineering Division of the Public Works Department at 310-781-6900. For any other questions, please contact Peerapol Suree of the Community Development Department at 310-618-5990.

Sincerely,

MICHELLE G. RAMIREZ
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

By 

Gregg Lodan, AICP
Planning Manager

Enclosures:
CC: file
Fire Department (Station #1-Dumais)
Fire, Community Risk Reduction Division
Police Department – (Charley)
Public Works Department



CITY OF TORRANCE
APPEAL FORM

AN APPEAL TO:

- City Council
- Planning Commission
- Traffic Commission

RETURN TO:

Office of the City Clerk
 3031 Torrance Boulevard
 Torrance CA 90509-2970
 310/618-2870

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 CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
 TORRANCE

RE: Denial: 9/5 Street Closure Permit, W 235th Street, Haas & Cabrillo Avenues
 (Case Number and Name)

Address/Location of Subject Property 2065 West 235th Street
 (If applicable)

Decision of:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Hearing Board | <input type="checkbox"/> License Review Board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airport Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Service Commission | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Development Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Quality & Energy Conservation Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Development Permit |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Date of decision: 7/21/2022

Appealing: APPROVAL DENIAL
 OTHER _____

Reason for Appeal: *Be as detailed as necessary. Additional information can be presented at the hearing. Attach pages as required with additional information and/or signatures.*

We request a fair hearing and a chance to present our evidence which includes a previous permit granted for a holiday for the same street segment during the same hours. That experience did not result in complaints; safety concerns and traffic flow were addressed.

Name of Appellant G. Rick Marshall

Address of Appellant 2065 West 235th Street

Telephone Number (310) 346-7425

Signature *G. Rick Marshall*

Appeal Fee paid \$ 100.00 For office use only: Date 7-22-22 Received by *me*

Notice to: Community Development Department: Planning Building & Safety
 City Council City Manager City Attorney Other Department(s) _____



CITY OF TORRANCE

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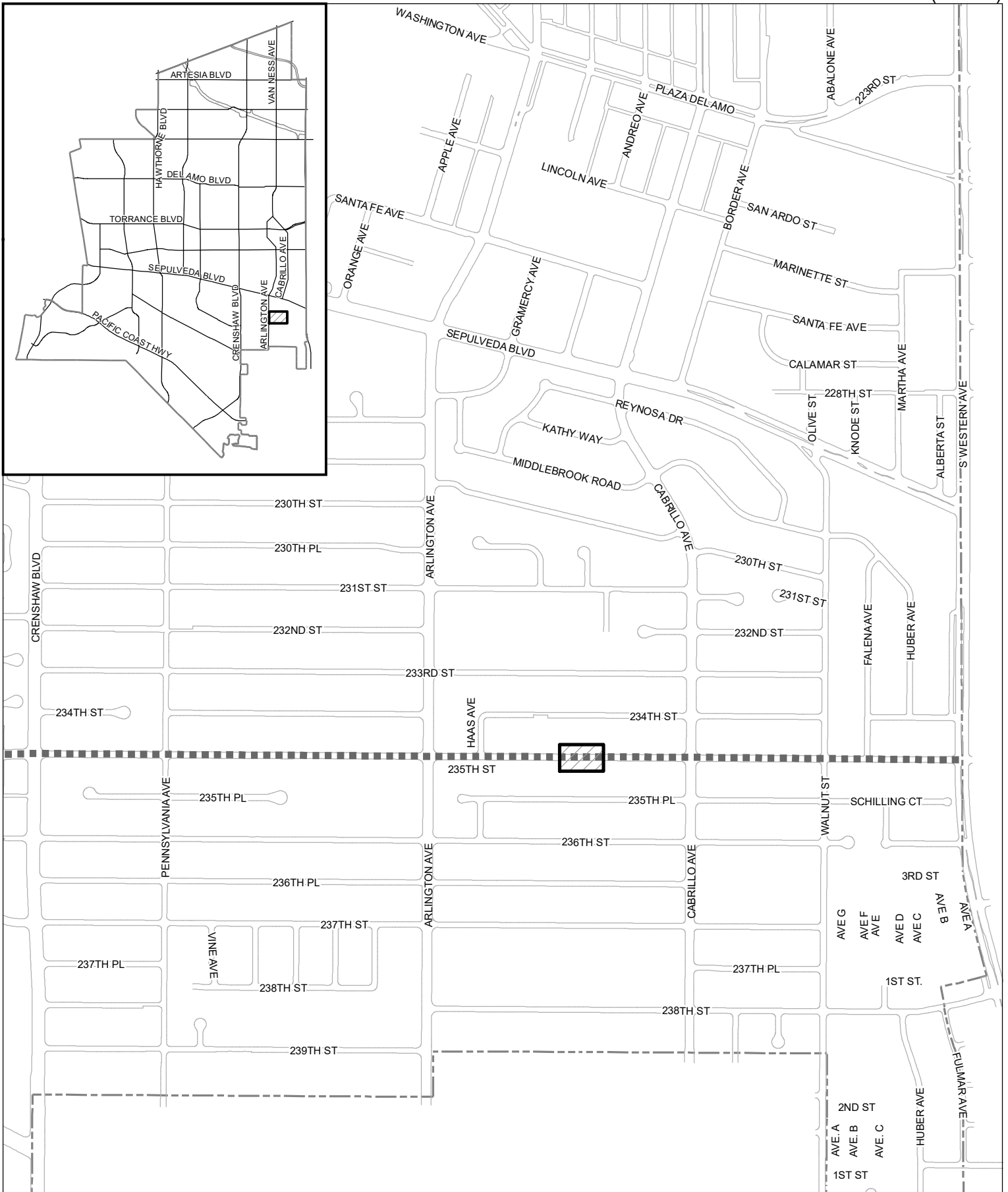
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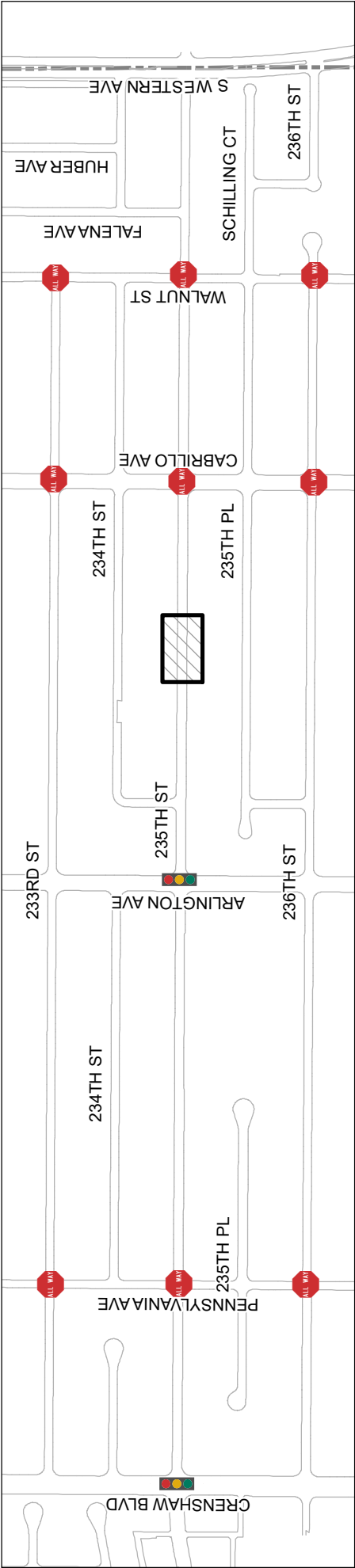
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- 235TH ST
-  STREET CLOSURE

Street Closure Vicinity Map 1 of 2


W 235th St between Haas Ave and Cabrillo Ave





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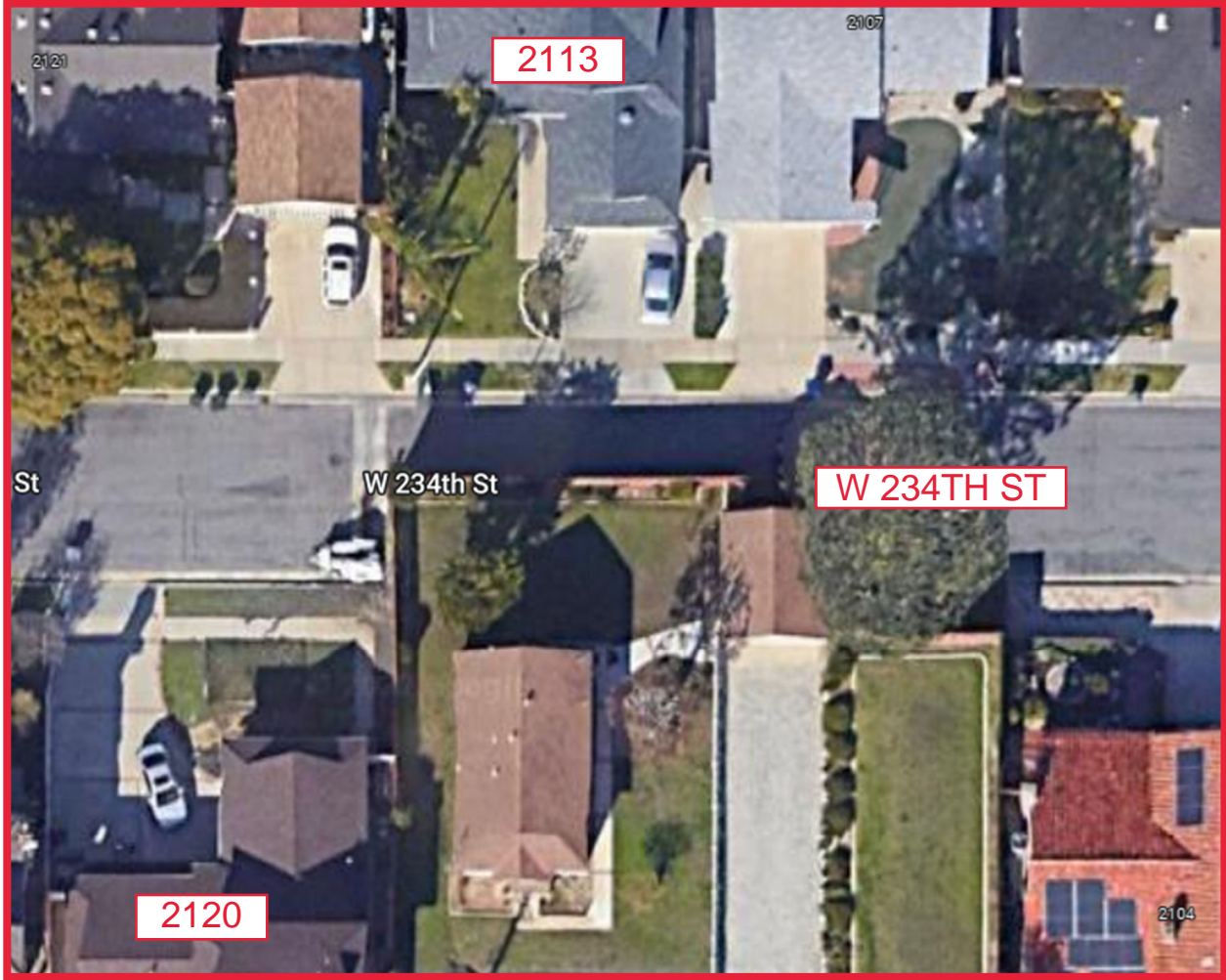
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 STREET CLOSURE

Street Closure Vicinity Map 2 of 2

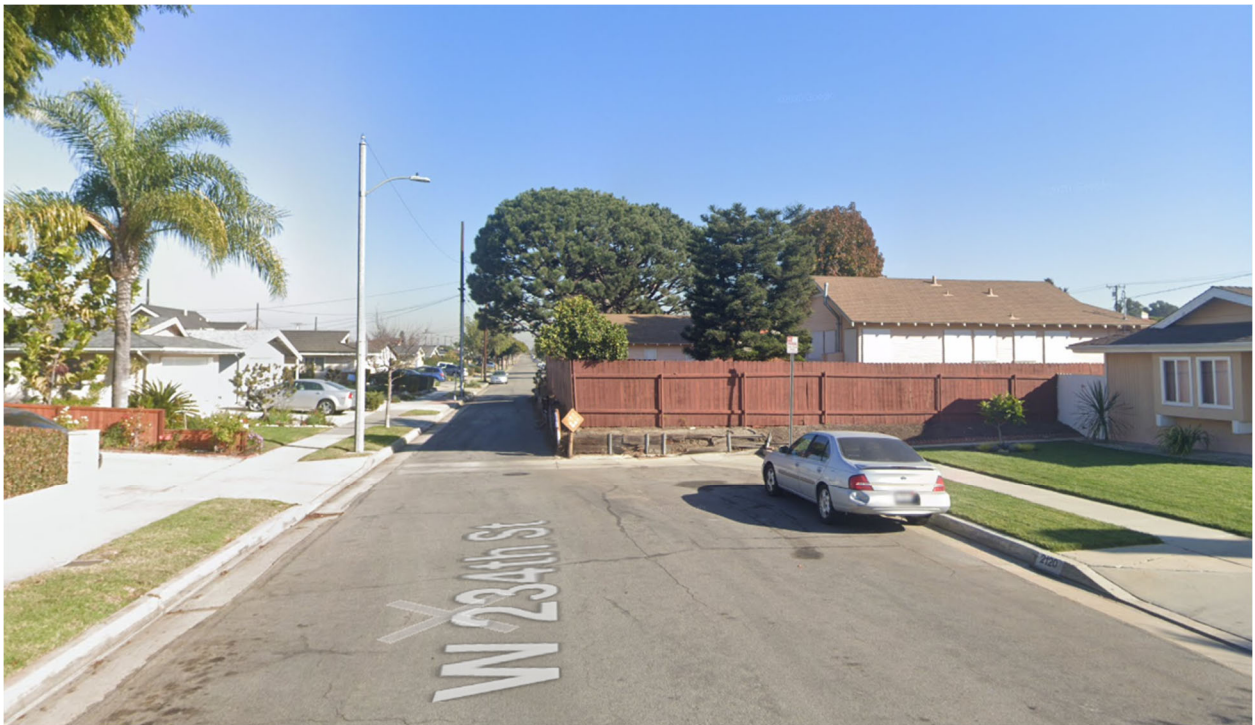
W 235th St between Haas Ave and Cabrillo Ave



AERIAL VIEW OF 2113 W 234TH ST

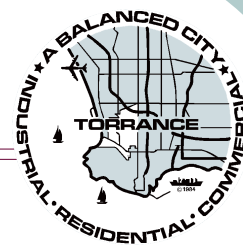


FACING WEST ON W 234TH ST



FACING EAST ON W 234TH ST

TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE ON WEST 235TH STREET BETWEEN HAAS AVENUE AND CABRILLO AVENUE



CITY OF TORRANCE

NOTICE OF TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING

Appeal of a City-Denied Request for a Temporary Street Closure on West 235th Street Between Haas Avenue and Cabrillo Avenue

Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 7 p.m.

**West Annex - Commission Meeting Room
Torrance City Hall
3031 Torrance Boulevard
(west of City Council Chambers)**

On **Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 7 p.m.**, the Torrance Traffic Commission will hold a meeting to take public input regarding an appeal of a City-denied temporary street closure for a block party on West 235th Street between Haas Avenue and Cabrillo Avenue.

We invite you to attend the Traffic Commission meeting and provide input, or you may email your comments to: PWTraffic@TorranceCA.Gov

For questions, please contact Ms. Angel Lotus, Associate Engineer in the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department at (310) 781-6900.

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor
George K. Chen

For questions or information, please contact the following:

Public Works Department

Angel Lotus, Associate Engineer (310) 781-6900

Mike Griffiths

Jon Kaji

Sharon Kalani

Aurelio Mattucci

Asam Sheikh

Vacant

Rebecca Poirier
City Clerk

Tim Goodrich
City Treasurer

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

20500 Madrone Ave., Torrance, CA 90503
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Aram Chaparyan
City Manager



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 NOTIFIED PARCELS

Notification Area Map



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From: Cris So [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 7:38 AM
To: Traffic Commission <TrafficCommission@TorranceCA.gov>
Cc: renchie so [REDACTED]
Subject: Labor Day Block Party for 235th St. Torrance

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Good day,

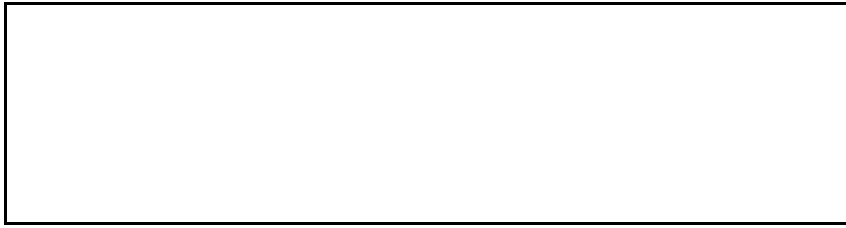
I am writing to appeal the closure of the block for 235th St. in Torrance during Labor Day. We live in the 2700 block of 235th St. between Cabrillo and Arlington. We ask you to reconsider as this is an important event for our families and for our neighbors as well. It is our time to bond as a community and enjoy our neighborhood.

As our street is a "busy" street, we are robbed off of the time for our children to play outside freely 365 days a year. We ask for a few hours so we can enjoy our street on a holiday weekend - just one day and only for a few hours.

As it is a major holiday this will not be a nuisance or an inconvenience as there is no school nor office. There are other routes and main roads for cars to pass on. We have done this in the past (4th of July 2020) and did not cause any problems traffic wise. There is an easy set up and detour.

We appreciate your support in this matter. Thank you. We look forward to hearing back from you. My number is below if you need to reach us thank you.

Cris So
235th St Resident



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From: Harrison Hays [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 9:12 AM
To: Traffic Commission <TrafficCommission@TorranceCA.gov>
Cc: Victoria Hays [REDACTED]
Subject: Appeal for Labor Day block party on 235th street

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Good day,

I am writing to appeal the closure of the block for 235th St. in Torrance during Labor Day. We live in the 2700 block of 235th St. between Cabrillo and Arlington. We ask you to reconsider as this is an important event for our families and for our neighbors as well. It is our time to bond as a community and enjoy our neighborhood.

We've done this before for the 4th of July and it was a great success, bringing together many neighbors from the area and fostering unity and community and helping us to get to know each other better. This is something that's becoming rarer in our society. It helps improve safety, health, and harmony in the community. Because of our first block party, we have met neighbors we wouldn't have been introduced to otherwise.

When we had our last block party, the traffic was redirected via clearly marked signs, and because it's done on a national holiday, work and school traffic is already significantly reduced.

We appreciate your support in this matter. Thank you. We look forward to hearing back from you. My number is below if you need to reach us thank you.

Harrison and Victoria Hays
235th Street residents



[REDACTED]

From: John Fleming [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2022 12:18 PM
To: PWTaffic@torranceca.gov; [REDACTED]
Subject: Opposition to Road Closure on 235th Street

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Thank you for this opportunity to let you know that we are vehemently opposed to the closure of 235th Street between Haas and Cabrillo for a Block Party.

This closure of 235th will funnel traffic from Haas to 234th Street, creating an extremely dangerous situation, not only because of the inevitably high volume of traffic from a busy thoroughfare, but also because of the predictably high speeds of annoyed & delayed drivers who regularly exceed speed limits on 235th Street itself.

Moreover:

- * 234th Street between Haas & Cabrillo narrows, where only one car can pass in either direction at one time.
- * There is no sidewalk for the length of that narrowing, so that pedestrians ~ families with children & strollers...people walking their dogs...and seniors out for a walk...are all forced out into the street for that reason.

Several alarmed neighbors have posed the question, will the city be assuming liability if there is an accident or injury on 234th Street as a result of the hazards created by the proposed closure on 235th Street? We would all appreciate an answer to that question.

John & Kathleen Fleming

From: [Victoria Hays](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Appeal for 235th St Closure
Date: Thursday, August 11, 2022 10:38:16 AM

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Victoria Hays

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To Traffic Engineering Division

20500 Madrona Ave.

Torrance, CA 90503

I, Victoria Hays, would like to request that the City of Torrance allows the street closure for 235th St for Sept 5th, 2022 for a block party. We were able to obtain the permit last year for July 4th, 2021 and enjoyed meeting many neighbors on our street and building a **community** of mutual help and respect. By allowing us to do a block party again this year, the City would ensure that Torrance residents live **peacefully** and in a **safe community**.

My husband, Harrison Hays, 5 children and I hope that the City of Torrance will allow us to close W 235th St for a few hours on Sept 5th, 2022 for the block party.

Best regards,

Victoria Hays