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The Torrance Youth Council is an advisory body to the City Council that meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.

**TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM**

**THE TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM
LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Council members Berga, A Choi, J Choi , Cruze, Ernst, Gounder, Han, Ho, Kang, Kantisin, Kim, Lee, Miyazato, Phan, Sharma, Suk, Thai, Yalla

2. FLAG SALUTE: Council Member

3. REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK 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, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS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 on the agenda or on topics of interest to the general public. 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. Speakers please turn off or leave your cellular phone when you come to the podium to speak.

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: AUGUST 17 AND AUGUST 22, 2022

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. Student Body – Accept and File Updates Regarding Events and Activities at Each Torrance School

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that Torrance Youth Council accept and file updates concerning:

- Bishop Montgomery
- CAMS
- North High School
- South High School
- Torrance High School
- West High School

7B. Youth Council Member – Provide Updates and Information Regarding Meetings of the City Council and Various City Commissions.

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council:

- 1) Report on any meetings attended; and
- 2) Discuss and share information; and
- 3) Assign Council members for upcoming meetings.

7C. Discussion and Update – Youth Council 2021-2022 Annual Report

Recommendation of the Community Services Director and the Torrance Youth Council discuss status of the 2021-2022 Annual Youth Council Report: ASB Bowl, Youth Forum, Senior Tech Day, Publicity, BTO's Scholarship Program and Happy to Chat Bench.

7D. Discussion – TYC Time Capsule

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council discuss the unearthing of the 1996 Time Capsule.

7E. Committee Sign-Ups – Discuss and Approve

- 1) ASB Bowl/City Council
- 2) Senior Event (Senior Tech Day or Talent Show)
- 3) Youth Forum/Community Outreach
- 4) Beat the Odds Scholarships
- 5) Publicity
- 6) THE ATTIC/New Ideas

7F. Turkey Trot Apparel Discussion

7G. Turkey Trot Scheduled for November 24, 2022

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2 Youth Council and Staff

(Limited to a 30 minute period)

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9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of the Torrance Youth Council Meeting on WEDNESDAY, October 5, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Room; 3031 Torrance Blvd.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Torrance Youth Council was called to order by Acting Chairperson Sharma at 7:03 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2022. The meeting was held at the West Annex Commission Meeting Room, Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Youth Councilmembers Berga, A. Choi, J. Choi, Cruze, Ernst, Gounder, Han, Ho, Kang, Kantisin, Kim, Lee, Miyazato, Phan, Suk, Thai, Yalla, and Acting Chairperson Sharma.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Veronica Minter, Senior Recreation Supervisor

2. FLAG SALUTE AND INSPIRATIONAL

Flag Salute: Youth Councilmember Berga

Inspirational: Youth Councilmember Phan

3. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE THE REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Ernst moved to accept and file the Affidavit of Agenda Posting of the Youth Council meeting of August 17, 2022. Youth Councilmember Berga seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 18-0.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN DEFERRED AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

– None.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Bruce McCallum visiting from West High school, attended to observe. Would like to apply in the future.

Kara McCallum, mom of Bruce McCallum, attended in support of her son.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Phan moved to approve minutes of the June 1, 2022 meeting as amended. Roll Call: Councilmember Ernst name incorrectly spelled. Remove the second 'e.' Item 6A motion: Councilmember Ernst name incorrectly spelled. Remove additional 'e.' Item 7B: All three motions Councilmember Ernst's name incorrectly spelled. Remove additional 'e.' Item 9A motion: Councilmember Ernst's name incorrectly spelled. Remove additional 'e.' Item 7D: Capitalize the word 'meeting' next to Senior Events. Youth Councilmember Thai seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 18-0.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. DISCUSSION – ACCEPT AND FILE NOTEBOOK

Acting Chairperson Sharma discussed and reviewed the 2022-2023 notebooks/binders; officer responsibilities, City and Youth Council policies and procedures including, Robert Rules of Order and Parliamentary procedures.

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Kang motioned to accept and file the review of the Youth Council notebook; Youth Councilmember Ala seconded, a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 18-0.

7B. Discussion – Youth Council 2021-2022 Annual Report

Discussion, assign and continue the annual report to the next meeting

- ASB Bowl: Councilmember Ernst
- Youth Forum: Councilmember Sharma
- Senior Tech Day: Councilmember Han
- Publicity: Councilmember Phan
- BTO Scholarship Program: Councilmember Kang
- Happy to Chat Bench: Councilmember Phan

Due Date: September 7, 2022

7C. Discussion – Youth Council Time Capsule

The unearthing is scheduled for this fall (between September and November). TBD

Next meeting is to review the list of items to add, and to encourage councilmembers to bring other items that are not on the current list.

7D. Discussion – Annual Workshop

The annual workshop is set for August 22, 2022 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Attic. A guest speaker will be in attendance.

8. COUNCIL ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2 – Youth Council/Staff

Introduction of new councilmembers. New councilmembers shared their school, grade, and a fun fact about themselves.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of the Torrance Youth Council meeting to Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Suk moved to adjourn the meeting to August 22, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the ATTIC. Youth Councilmember Berga seconded; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 18-0.

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP
OF THE TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A meeting of the Torrance Youth Council was called to order by Acting Chairperson Selah Han at 4:07 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2022. The meeting was held in The Attic Teen Center; 2320 W. Carson Street, Torrance CA 90501.

ROLL CALL/MOTIONS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

PRESENT: Berga, A. Choi, J. Choi, Cruze, Ernst, Gounder, Ho, Kang, Kantisin, Kim, Lee, Miyazato, Phan, Sharma, Suk, Thai, Yalla, and Acing Chairperson Han.

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Veronica Minter, Senior Recreation Supervisor

2. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE THE REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Phan moved to accept and file the Affidavit of Agenda Posting of the Youth Council meeting of August 22, 2022. Youth Councilmember Ernst seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 18-0.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS
– None.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – None.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

6A. WORKSHOP: Discussion

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council: discuss and participate in teambuilding and leadership activities. Discuss goals and expectations for the 2022-2023 year.

Staff was introduced followed by an icebreaker activity.

Guest speaker Viet Hoang discussed points that make good leaders and conducted various activities using different improve techniques.

7. COUNCIL ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

Youth Council/Staff – None.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

8A. **MOTION**: Youth Councilmember Phan moved to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission room, 3031 Torrance Blvd. Youth Councilmember Yeh seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 18-0.

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Subject to Approval

**TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL
2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL****PURPOSE OF THE TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL**

The Torrance Youth Council is composed of Torrance high school students whose purpose is to identify and take action on problems affecting the youth of Torrance, as well as to advise and confer with City professional staff, various City Commissioners and City Council on such matters. Members are interviewed each June by a selection committee comprised of Community Services Department Commissioners and Youth Council Members and appointed by the City Council in August. The Youth Council meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 7 p.m., in the West Annex Commission Room at City Hall. All meetings are open to the public and youth are encouraged to address the Youth Council on matters of concern to the Youth in the community.

2021-2022 MEMBERS OF THE TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL

Nitya Addanki, Viraj Ala, Camron Berga, Kelli Chong, Julia Choi, Shelby Coleman, Sonia Curze, John-Milo Ernst, Selah Han, Jonah Hirata, Chole Kang, Harry Kaplan, Jennifer Kim, Christian Park, Summer Phan, Willie Ro, Khushi Sharma, and Susanna Yeh.

During 2021-2022, eighteen Youth Council members have continued the excellent tradition of their predecessors, by representing the voice of the Youth of Torrance. New faces, various cultures, new ideas and an amazing amount of energy of these talented members played a key role in turning ideas into successful realities for the Torrance Community.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021 – 2022 PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Throughout the year, this diverse assembly of youth became a cohesive group, which began at their Annual Team Building Workshop on September 13, 2021. Each got the opportunity to know each other through leadership games and activities. Elections were held on September 15, 2021 with Jennifer Kim elected as Chairperson; Harry Kaplan Vice Chairperson, Susanna Yeh as Secretary; Christina Park as Sergeant-At-Arms, and Shelby Coleman, Chloe Kang, Selah Han and Sonia Cruze as Historians.

The Senior Events Committee: The committee had lots of major successes this past TYC season. Post COVID we were able to successfully bring back Senior Tech Day on February 5, 2022. At these tech days our committee and other volunteers went to the Bartlett Senior Center, and hung out with the seniors as we introduced and taught them the new technology of this world. Yet we ran into a few problems. The first time, all committee members had to bring a couple volunteers so we ended up having way too many volunteers. In addition, we were trying to figure out better ways we can publicize these events. Therefore, we decided to ask for less volunteers the next time and also added surveys on how the seniors heard about our tech days. Using this information we were then able to pull off two more very popular and successful senior tech days in March and April. It was fun to listen to all their stories, and to see their excitement when they finally figured it out! Therefore, after these first couple great events, with such positive

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feedback from the seniors we decided to make it a monthly thing moving forward. Next year we are excited to keep on doing the regular senior tech days and possibly bring different days to the Bartlett Senior Center. We want to be able to build off of these relationships with them and create more connections between the Torrance Youth Council and our senior community in Torrance.

ASB Bowl: The 2022 ASB Bowl was on Monday, March 21 at the Attic Teen Center, fully run and facilitated by the Torrance Youth Council. During the ASB Bowl, ASB members from all four Torrance high schools, CAMS and Bishop came and competed against other schools' ASB members in small games and activities. The theme for the ASB Bowl was Harry Potter, where each school represented a Hogwarts house similar to the color of their own school. For example, South was Slytherin, North was Ravenclaw, etc. Youth Council started by introducing the Youth Council members, as well as a rundown of events for the night. Members from each ASB went all out with their house colors as they played Harry Potter themed games from 5:00-7:00 pm. The games included a sorting hat icebreaker, Quidditch cup pong, and Harry Potter trivia. Youth Council also provided butterbeer for the ASB members as a snack. Since most of the activities were a competition between houses, Youth Council members wrote down the scores from each house per game, and tallied them up at the end. After all games and activities had concluded, West High school had the most points. As a prize for winning the ASB Bowl, West High students got to take back the ASB Bowl trophy which has been passed though all other ASB Bowl winners in the past, the most recent being South High school in 2019. As the winners of the 2022 ASB Bowl, West High school continues the tradition of the Torrance ASB Bowl for the many generations to come.

Youth Forum: Youth Forum is one of the events hosted by the Torrance Youth Council, which focuses on encouraging civic engagement in the committee. Primarily organized by the Youth Forum Sub-Committee on the Council, members work throughout the year to discuss important topics relevant to the community's youth. The event is hosted at the ATTIC Teen Center, where a special guest (from the City Council) speaks to the youth about the workings of Torrance City Council and what younger generations can do to be heard and create change. Following the speech, attendees debate topics decided by the sub-committee and discuss solutions for these issues. This event aims to provide Torrance Youth with a voice, bring them closer to the government of Torrance, and urge them to participate and take action to better the city. The 2021-2022 Youth Forum had the honorable Councilwoman Heidi Ashcraft present, a great turnout, and lively discussions that proved the event's success and provides promise for the 2022-2023 Youth Forum.

The Annual Beat the Odds Scholarship provides an opportunity for graduating seniors to earn a scholarship towards their college career. It's specifically for those who have overcome considerable adversity while showing academic excellence, while also giving back to and/or actively participating in the community of the City of Torrance. Our job as committee members is to carefully and sincerely read each application and come to a conclusion on the few individuals who would best be fit for the scholarship opportunity. This committee is less year round and more fixated during the months of March-April.

Happy to Chat: The 2021-2022 Torrance Youth Council was the first of the youth counselors to create the Happy-to-Chat bench. The bench aims to help people branch out

and talk to others, and start conversations without saying anything. The Happy-to-Chat bench is located at Hickory Park and is a bright mix of colors.

Publicity Committee: Although most of the year was online, the 2021-2022 Torrance Youth Council made strides in its publicity commission. The commission utilized social media access, including the Torrance Recreation Instagram account, to promote council events and inform the public about who the counselors are. The Youth Council also took advantage of their respective schools' bulletins.

CONCLUSION

Youth Council is grateful to the City Council for their continued support of Torrance youth, as well as to the Community Services Departments Commissions.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Kim, Chairperson
2021-2022 Youth Council