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**TORRANCE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION AGENDA  
FEBRUARY 06, 2025  
REGULAR MEETING  
6:00 P.M. IN WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
AT 3031 TORRANCE BL.**

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMISSION MAY  
TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL:** Commission members: Ahmed, Hill, Love, Seferian, Zhang and Chair Jendrucko

**2. FLAG SALUTE:** Commissioner Zhang

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

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard. and on the City's Website on Thursday, January 30, 2025.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited up to a 15-minute period)**

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for comments on items on the Consent Calendar or 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 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 Commission Minutes: December 05, 2024**

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**7A. Accept and File Presentation on Torrance Transit on Micro-transit Services and Fleet Modernization**

**7B. Accept and File Presentation on Outdoor Secondhand Smoke: Data & Community Outreach**

**7C. Accept and File Update on 2025 Torrance Beautification Awards Program**

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**9. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment of Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission Meeting to Thursday, March 06, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.



**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TORRANCE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission convened in a regular session at 6:07 p.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2024, in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Hill, Love, Seferian, and Chair Jendrucko.

Absent: Commissioners Ahmed and Zhang.

Also Present: Senior Environmental Quality Officer Nora Duncan and Community Development Director Michelle Ramirez.

Senior Environmental Quality Officer Duncan noted that Commissioner Gunnar resigned from the Commission.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Hill moved to excuse the absence of Commissioners Ahmed and Zhang. Commissioner Seferian seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a 4-0 approval (Commissioners Ahmed and Zhang absent).

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Love led The Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Senior Environmental Quality Officer Duncan reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard on Wednesday, November 27, 2024.

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

None.

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 7, 2024**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Love moved to approve the November 7, 2024 minutes. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a 4-0 approval (Commissioners Ahmed and Zhang absent).

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**7A. ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION ON REFUSE COLLECTION IN TORRANCE**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Seferian moved to accept and file the presentation. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a 4-0 approval (Commissioners Ahmed and Zhang absent).

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**9. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Seferian spoke.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At 6:44 p.m. Commissioner Hill moved to adjourn the meeting to Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Love seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected a 4-0 approval (Commissioners Ahmed and Zhang absent).

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7A**

**DATE:** February 06, 2025

**TO:** Members of the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission

**FROM:** Neighborhood Services Division

**SUBJECT:** Accept and File Presentation by Torrance Transit on Micro-transit Services and Fleet Modernization.

Torrance Transit has new programs to serve the citizens of Torrance in sustainability, convenience and flexibility. For tonight's Environmental Commission meeting of February 6, 2025, David Mach, with Torrance Transit will present information regarding their Micro-transit services and a fleet modernization plan.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Micro-transit Services and Fleet Modernization Presentation

**STAFF CONTACT**

Nora Duncan, Supervising Senior Environmental Quality Officer  
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# Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025

6:00 PM

# CONNECT

TORRANCE By  VIA



# WHAT IS MICROTRANSIT?



A new on-demand rideshare transit option that uses technology to capture trip requests and groups passengers into shared rides, in real-time.



A hybrid model between individual private transportation (Uber/Lyft), and public transit.



Offers passengers an option that is more flexible than traditional fixed-route bus service and appointment-based paratransit.



Supplements to the existing Torrance Community Transit Program (TCTP)



Call-in center with representatives to assist in booking rides



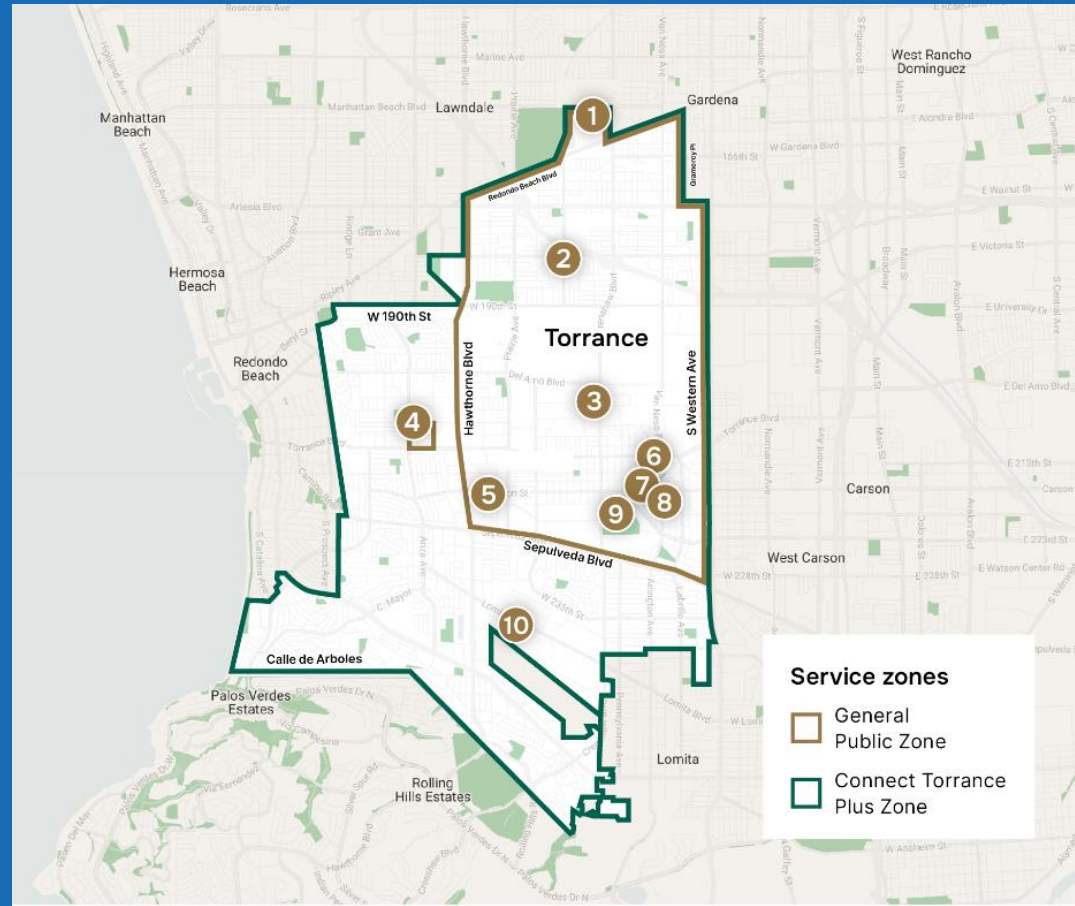
Provide first-last-mile connections to Transit and the Mary K. Giordano Regional Transit Center.



# SERVICE AREA

## Popular destinations:

- 1 El Camino College
- 2 North High School
- 3 Mary K Giordano Regional Transit Center
- 4 Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center
- 5 Del Amo Fashion Center
- 6 Bartlett Senior Citizens Center
- 7 Torrance High School
- 8 Old Torrance (Historic Downtown)
- 9 Torrance Certified Farmers' Market
- 10 Torrance Memorial Medical Center





**CONNECT**  
TORRANCE By VIA



## Get around Torrance with Connect Torrance Plus.

Starting December 11, Torrance Community Transit Program (TCTP) riders can enjoy freedom and flexibility with this additional on-demand shared transportation service. Ride to the grocery store, doctor's office, senior center, and more for just \$3 a ride.

Your first  
six rides are  
**FREE!**



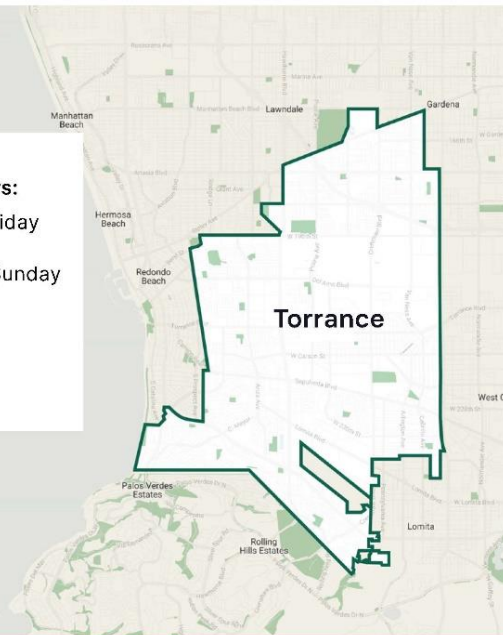
[city.ridewithvia.com/connect-torrance](http://city.ridewithvia.com/connect-torrance).

**Service Hours:**

Monday to Friday  
7am - 7pm  
Saturday to Sunday  
9am - 5pm

**Price:**

\$3 per ride.



Download the Connect Torrance app  
or call (424)688-9251 to book a ride.

## About Connect Torrance Plus.

Connect Torrance Plus is a new on-demand shared ride service for Torrance Community Transit Program (TCTP) riders. Book rides and track them in real-time in the Connect Torrance app, or call to reserve rides up to one day in advance. Pay for trips right in the app — no need to buy ride credits in advance.

Torrance Community Transit Program (TCTP) is for Torrance residents who are 65 years or older or residents with a disability. To apply, please contact Torrance Transit at (310)781-2176.

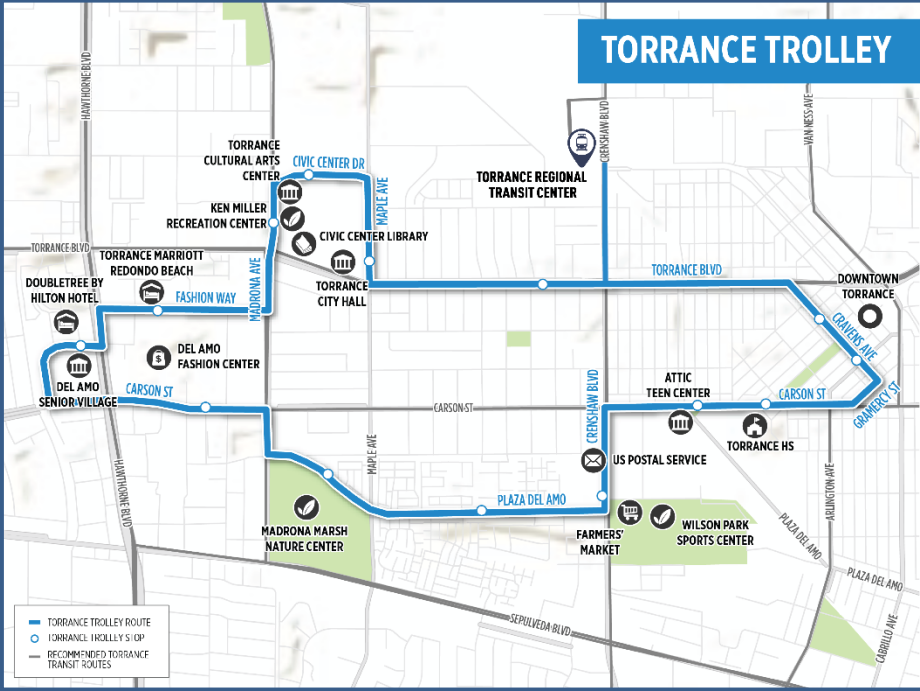
Questions? Email us at [support-connect-torrance@ridewithvia.com](mailto:support-connect-torrance@ridewithvia.com)

# THE RED CAR RUBBER WHEEL TROLLEY PROJECT

- Improve traffic congestion
- Improve local economy
- Connect key hotels, cultural and entertainment destinations
- Improve livability of downtown area
- Provide better transportation option
- Up to 10 trolleys buses



# SERVICE AREA CONCEPTS





# THE TORRANCE TRANSIT FLEET MODERNIZATION PLAN



# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7B**

**DATE:** February 06, 2025

**TO:** Members of the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission

**FROM:** Neighborhood Services Division

**SUBJECT:** Accept and File Presentation on Outdoor Secondhand Smoke:  
Data & Community Outreach

Behavioral Health Services Inc. is a non-profit based in Downtown Torrance, which provided public comment to both the Environmental Commission and City Council when Torrance was considering a smoke-free multi-unit housing ordinance. They have been conducting outreach and data collection in Torrance regarding secondhand smoke exposure in outdoor areas. For tonight's Environmental Commission meeting of February 6, 2025, Alix Politanoff, with Behavioral Health Services, Inc. will present information regarding their work concerning secondhand smoke in outdoor spaces.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Presentation on Outdoor Secondhand Smoke: Data & Community Outreach

**STAFF CONTACT**

Nora Duncan, Supervising Senior Environmental Quality Officer  
[NDuncan@TorranceCA.gov](mailto:NDuncan@TorranceCA.gov)

# Outdoor Secondhand Smoke: Data & Community Outreach in Torrance

**Presented by: Alix Politanoff, Project  
Coordinator of Behavioral Health Services, Inc**

Torrance Environmental Quality &  
Energy Conservation Commission

February, 6th 2025



# About BHS

We are subcontracted under Los Angeles  
County's Department of Public Health  
Tobacco Control & Prevention Program

Currently working in the city of Torrance to  
provide educational resources to residents in  
regards to secondhand smoke from  
cigarettes, electronic smoking devices (ESDs),  
and other tobacco products



# Data Collection in Torrance

## Public Opinion Surveys

We conducted **479** public opinion surveys with Torrance residents to gather their views on secondhand smoke in outdoor areas. These surveys were collected at diverse locations, including city events, the farmers' market, public parks, Del Amo Mall, Downtown Torrance, and Starbucks

## Business Surveys

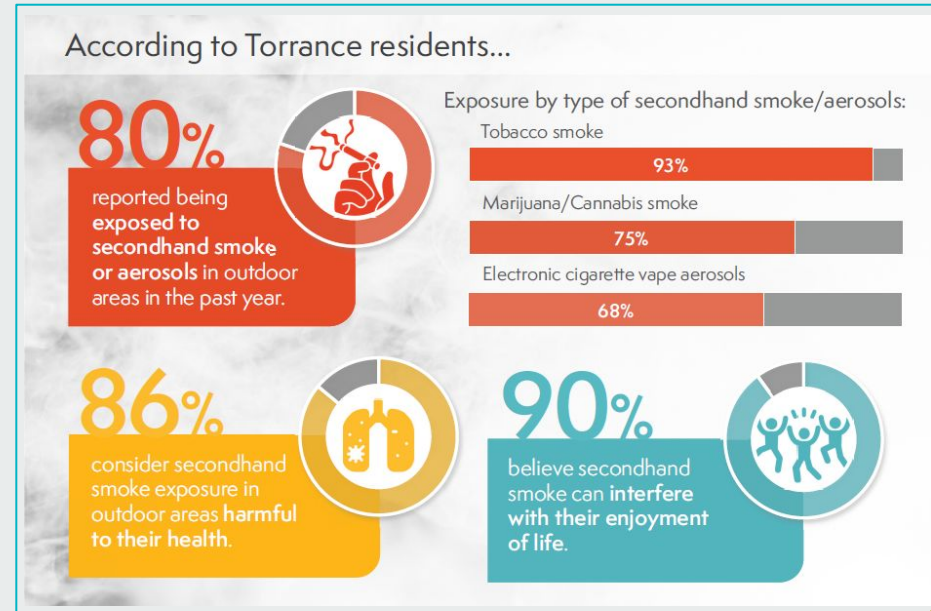
We conducted **25** surveys with business owners in Torrance that own a dining establishment in order to understand their current smoke-free policies and their level of support for smoke-free policy provisions

## Observation Surveys

We conducted **51** observational surveys across Torrance, including sidewalks, bus stops, outdoor shopping plazas, and public events, to assess tobacco litter and smoking behaviors

# Public Opinion Survey Results

- 80% of residents reported being exposed to secondhand smoke or aerosols in outdoor areas in the past year
- 86% of residents believe that secondhand smoke encountered in outdoor areas is harmful to one's health
- Most residents (80%) would be in favor of a law that would prohibit all smoking & vaping in outdoor dining areas
- Most residents (73%) would be in favor of a law that would prohibit all smoking & vaping at outdoor public events



# Public Opinion Survey Results

- 90% of residents believe secondhand smoke can interfere with their enjoyment of life
- Residents reported that tobacco smoke from cigarettes was the most prevalent form of secondhand smoke to which they were exposed to
- Most residents (72%) would be in favor of a law that would prohibit all smoking & vaping in outdoor shopping malls or stores
- Most residents (69%) would be in favor of a law that would prohibit all smoking & vaping around building entrances, doorways, or windows (such as within 25 ft of buildings)



# Business Owner Survey Results

Among businesses with outdoor dining:

- Approximately half (55%) of businesses with an outdoor dining area surveyed already had a written smoke-free policy about smoking or vaping
- Two out of five business owners (40%) reported patrons smoking and vaping in outdoor dining areas of their dining establishment at least once per month
- 70% of business owners reported patrons smoking in outdoor areas elsewhere on their premises (e.g. near the front entrance, sidewalks, walkways, etc.), at least once per month



# Business Owner Survey Results

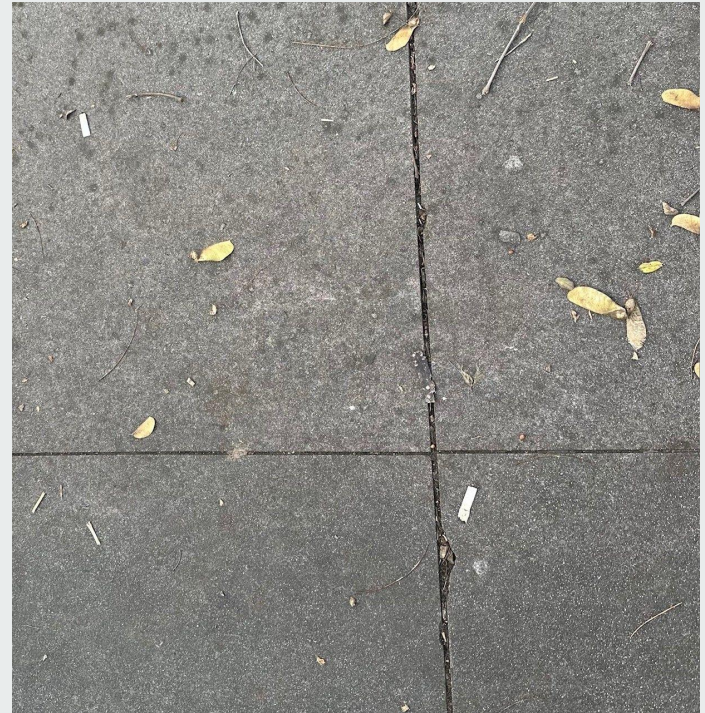
Among all business owners surveyed:

- 60% would be in favor of a law prohibiting smoking and vaping in outdoor dining areas
- 68% believed a smoke-free outdoor dining policy would **not** cause fewer people to visit restaurants and bars
- 68% believed a smoke-free outdoor dining policy would not be unfair to smokers
- 60% believed a smoke-free outdoor dining policy is needed to protect the health of their customers and staff



# Observation Survey Results

- Nearly 200 pieces of tobacco litter were found across 51 non-recreational outdoor areas in Torrance
  - This includes 101 cigarette butts and 93 other tobacco-related litter (e.g., wrappers, cigarette filter tips, electronic cigarette-related paraphernalia, etc)
- Among the outdoor areas observed, a third (33%) of all cigarette butts were found on public sidewalks
- Nearly a third (28%) of all tobacco-related litter observed were from service areas (e.g., bus stops, libraries)



Downtown Torrance

# Observation Surveying with Tobacco-Free Torrance Coalition Members



- Our Tobacco-Free Torrance Coalition consists of diverse stakeholders including residents, community organizations, healthcare professionals, and local businesses
- The coalition serves as a unified voice in advocating for a smoke-free city, with a focus on public outdoor areas and implementing education initiatives within the community
- Our coalition members have participated in data collection, tabling at events with us, and a townhall event we held in Torrance titled *Understanding Secondhand Smoke: From Combustible Tobacco to Vaping and Its Effect on Youth*

Join the



## Tobacco-Free Torrance Coalition

Join Behavioral Health Services, Inc. and community members to learn about what Torrance is doing to make outdoor areas smoke-free!

Wednesday, Feb 12th  
9:00 am via Zoom



Scan the QR code to join the coalition!

Contact Alix Politanoff for more info:

📞 (310) 328-1460

✉️ [apolitanoff@bhs-inc.org](mailto:apolitanoff@bhs-inc.org)

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# Community Outreach at Torrance Events

December 2024 Annual Holiday Stroll



April 2024 Community Safety Fair



# Torrance Postcard Petition



Dear Torrance City Council,

There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke and secondhand smoke is responsible for an estimated 41,000 deaths among nonsmokers each year in the United States. Additionally, severe lung illnesses or vaping associated pulmonary injuries are linked to e-cigarette use.

There is no constitutional right to smoke and smoke-free outdoor areas policies protect nonsmokers from exposure to secondhand smoke, lowers smoking rates among youth and young adults, and diminishes the social acceptability of smoking.

A smoke-free outdoor areas policy helps to ensure all Torrance residents get to breathe clean air.

Sincerely,

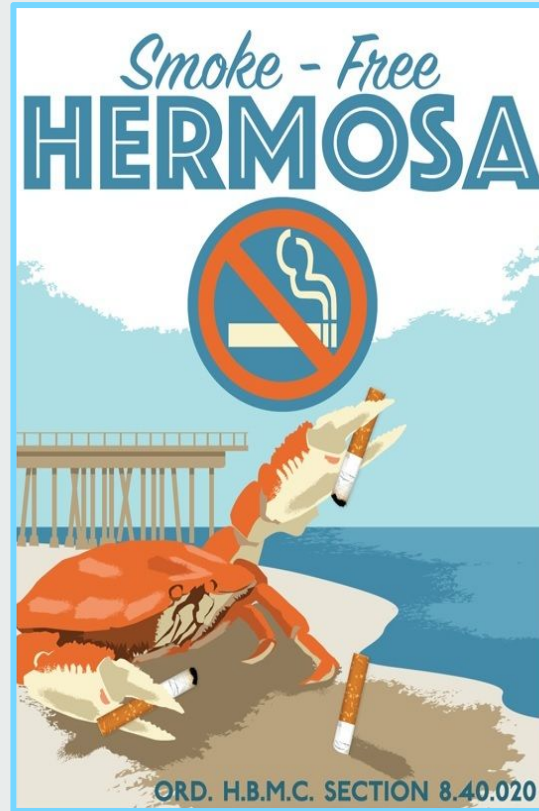
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Date \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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# Local Smoke-Free Outdoor Area Policies

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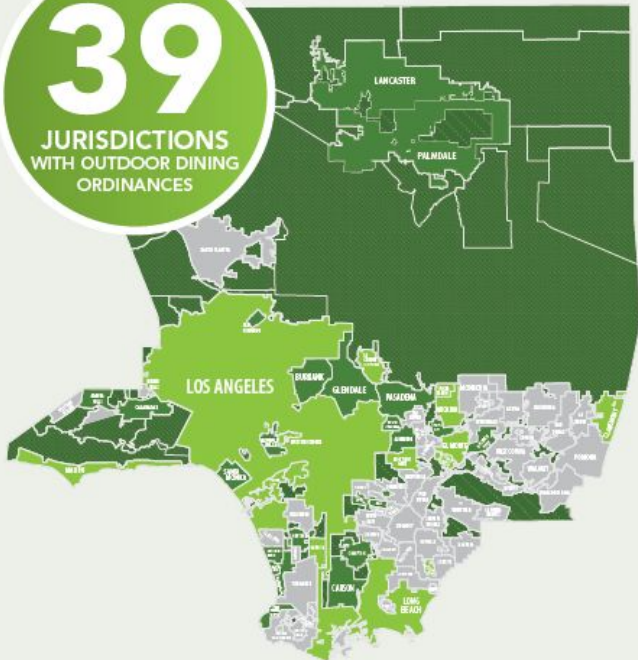
<sup>4</sup>City of Manhattan Beach. Community Outreach on Smoke-Free Public Places, <https://www.manhattanbeach.gov/home/showimage?id=6943>  
<sup>5</sup>City of Hermosa Beach. Smoke-Free Hermosa Flyer, <https://www.hermosabeach.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/8025/637001018228830000>  
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# Cities with Smoke-Free Outdoor Area Policies

## SMOKEFREE OUTDOOR AREA ORDINANCES

**39**  
JURISDICTIONS  
WITH OUTDOOR DINING  
ORDINANCES



### Jurisdictions with Comprehensive Smokefree Outdoor Ordinances<sup>a</sup>

Agoura Hills  
Alhambra  
Baldwin Park  
Bell  
Beverly Hills  
Burbank  
Calabasas  
Carson  
Compton  
Glendale  
Hawthorne  
Hermosa Beach  
Huntington Park

Unincorporated Los Angeles County\*

### Jurisdictions with at least a Smokefree Outdoor Dining Provision

Arcadia  
Artesia  
Claremont  
Culver City  
El Monte  
Gardena  
La Cañada-Flintridge  
Long Beach  
Los Angeles  
Malibu  
Monterey Park

Sierra Madre  
South El Monte  
West Hollywood

<sup>a</sup>Includes smoking prohibitions in at least five major outdoor areas, including: outdoor dining areas, entryways, public events, service areas, sidewalks, work sites, golf courses, or parks.



Cigarette smoking and secondhand  
smoke exposure kill more than

**490,000**

People each year



More than  
**19,000**

People die from exposure  
to secondhand smoke  
each year

# Existing Loopholes in Torrance's Smoke-Free Ordinance

While Torrance has a smoke-free parks policy<sup>8</sup>, there are opportunities for secondhand smoke exposure throughout the city in outdoor public spaces, including

- Sidewalks
- Outdoor dining areas (e.g., outdoor seating at restaurants, bars, and other places where people congregate for food or drink, etc)
- At least twenty-five (25) feet from all enclosed places where smoking is prohibited
- Outdoor service areas (e.g., bus stops, ticket lines, ATM lines, taxi stands)
- Outdoor public events (e.g., farmers' markets, fairs, city events, concerts, etc)
- Outdoor worksites (e.g., outdoor constructions areas, etc)
- Bike lanes/paths and walkways

<sup>8</sup>Torrance, California, Ord. No. 3743 § 4, 2011

# Benefits of Smoke-Free Outdoor Area Policies

- Protects nonsmokers from exposure to secondhand smoke
- Reduces risk for heart disease and lung cancer among nonsmokers
- Lowers smoking rates among youth and young adults
- Lowers visibility of role models who smoke
- Fewer opportunities to smoke alone or with others
- Diminished social acceptability and social advantage for smoking
- Reduces tobacco litter opportunities



# Thanks!

**Do you have any questions?**

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## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7C**

**DATE:** February 06, 2025  
**TO:** Members of the Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission  
**FROM:** Neighborhood Services Division  
**SUBJECT:** Accept and File Update on 2025 Torrance Beautification Awards Program

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission (TEQECC) accept and file the update to the 2025 Torrance Beautification Awards program.

### **DISCUSSION**

As a reminder, the TEQECC approved a Residential Beautification Awards Program on October 3, 2024. The item was then considered by the City Council at their meeting of January 14, 2025. During the discussion of this item, the City Council expanded the Beautification Awards Program to also include commercial/industrial properties. The two programs will be conducted separately, as described below.

#### **Residential Beautification Awards Program**

The nomination period for residential properties will begin February 1<sup>st</sup> and end on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The nominations will be TEQECC at their May meeting. Following the selection of the winners, honorees will then be acknowledged by the TEQECC at the meeting in June.

#### **Commercial/Industrial Awards Program**

The Commercial/Industrial Awards Program will be similar to the Residential Beautification Awards Program. However, so not to overlap with the Residential Beautification Awards Program or the Climate Smart Awards, the nomination period will begin August 1<sup>st</sup> and end on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The nominations will be judged by the TEQECC at their November meeting. Following the selection of the winners, honorees will then be acknowledged by the TEQECC at their meeting in December.

With the addition of the two new award programs, adjustments are now needed to the timing of the Climate Smart Awards Program. Starting with the 2026 Climate Smart Awards Program, the nomination period will be moved to January 2<sup>nd</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, annually. The nominations will be judged by the TEQECC at their August meeting. Following the selection of the winners, honorees will then be acknowledged by the TEQECC at the meeting in September.

By spreading the three programs out, there would be one awards program for the TEQECC to oversee during three of the four quarters of the year.

### **ATTACHMENT**

1. Torrance Beautification Awards Application

**STAFF CONTACT**

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# BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

CITY OF TORRANCE



Torrance takes great pride in its homes and outdoor spaces, each reflecting the unique style of its residents. When homeowners care for their properties, it positively impacts the entire community. We are excited to announce the Torrance Beautification Awards, celebrating the efforts of residents who maintain and enhance their homes and outdoor spaces. Through these awards, we aim to inspire even more beautification across our city.

Let's work together to make Torrance shine!



2025 CITY OF TORRANCE

# BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

CITY OF TORRANCE

## Award Categories

**Landscape Beautification Award:** This award will recognize homes that exhibit exceptional pride of ownership through well-maintained and exceptional landscaping of their property. This includes an attractive landscaping design of the front yard and parkway, a clean and well-maintained exterior, and overall good curb appeal.

**Sustainable Landscape Beautification Award:** This award will recognize homes that exhibit exceptional pride of ownership through the use of water conservation practices as part of their landscaping design. This includes the use of drought-tolerant or native plants, water-friendly irrigation systems, and energy-efficient or solar lighting.

## Qualifications for Nomination Include:

- Residence must be located within the City of Torrance.
- Residence may be a single-family or multi-family property.
- One (1) nomination per submission form.
- Residence must be properly permitted at the time of nomination with no code violations.
- Nominations must include 3 to 5 photos that clearly display the nominated residence's exterior and landscaping. These photos will be used by the judges to evaluate each nomination.
- Nominated residences should display pride of ownership through well-maintained and exceptional landscaping of their property.

## Nomination Deadline

All nominations must be submitted by 5:00 pm on March 31, 2025. Nominations are accepted via email submitted to [CDDInfo@TorranceCA.Gov](mailto:CDDInfo@TorranceCA.Gov) or in person at the City of Torrance, Community Development Department, City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

## Selection Process

Nominations will be judged by the Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission at their May meeting. Following the selection of the winners, honorees will then be acknowledged by the Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission at their meeting in June. Judges will evaluate nominations, selecting properties that demonstrate exceptional landscaping, exterior maintenance, and overall beauty.

## Award Recipients

Up to two Award Recipients will be selected in each Council District. Up to three additional overall Honorable Mention Recipients will also be selected. The honorees will be announced by the Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission at their meeting in June. Recipients will receive a certificate of recognition, a commemorative yard sign, and a gift card to a local home improvement store.

For more information, please contact the Neighborhood Services Division of the Community Development Department at (310) 618-5929 or via email at [CDDInfo@TorranceCA.Gov](mailto:CDDInfo@TorranceCA.Gov) noting "2025 Torrance Beautification Awards" in the subject line.

2025 CITY OF TORRANCE  
**BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS**

**NOMINATION FORM**

The City of Torrance Beautification Award Program honors homeowners who take pride in the maintenance and beautification of their homes and outdoor spaces. To nominate a single family or multi-family property, please complete this form and submit it to the Community Development Department.

I hereby nominate the following location within Torrance for the 2025 Beautification Award Program:



**Address**

**Please check one:**  Single Family Residential  Multi-family Residential

**Please check one:**  Landscape Beautification  Sustainable Landscape Design

**Select Residence District (See District Map Attached):**

District 1  District 2  District 3  District 4  District 5  District 6

**If known, please provide the following Property Owner information:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Is property owner occupied?** Yes  No

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Briefly describe how this property enhances or preserves the beauty of the City of Torrance:**

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**Name of Person Submitting Nomination:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Photos**

Each application must include 3 to 5 photos of the nominated property. Please include a wide shot of the residence with as much landscaping as possible. These photos can be attached to printed nomination forms or emailed along with electronic submittals.

**Thank you for your nomination!**

CITY OF TORRANCE



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**BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS**

CITY OF TORRANCE



### Judging Guidelines

Nominations will be judged by the City of Torrance Environmental Quality and Energy Conservation Commission. Each Commission Member will review every nomination and complete one score sheet per entry. Staff will tally the scores and provide the top 5 highest scores from each district. Judging will be based on the photos provided with the nomination entry.

To be eligible for judging each property entry must meet the following requirements:

- Have each section of the application questions filled out completely.
- Include 3 to 5 photographs that showcase the features of the residence.
- Be properly permitted with no code violations.

### Score Sheet

**Award Category:**  Landscape Beautification  Sustainable Landscape Design

**Property Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Judge:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Assign a score for each criterion:**

Meets Criteria: up to 2 points; Exceeds Criteria: 3 to 4 points; Outstanding: 5 points

Criteria	Points:
Overall Curb Appeal	
Pride of Ownership	
Attractive Landscape Design	
Well Maintained Structure	
Contributes to the Beautification of Torrance	
Sustainable Design Features	
<b>Total Score (out of maximum 30)</b>	



# BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

## Criteria Definitions

### **Overall Curb Appeal:**

This refers to the visual attractiveness of a property from the street. It encompasses the harmony of colors, materials, and design elements, creating an inviting first impression that reflects the property's charm and character.

### **Pride of Ownership:**

This criterion measures how well residents care for their property, including cleanliness and attention to detail. Signs of pride may include well-kept gardens, clean walkways, and personalized touches that showcase the owner's commitment to their home and community.

### **Attractive Landscape Design:**

This focuses on the arrangement and selection of plants, trees, and hardscaping elements to create a cohesive and visually appealing outdoor environment. Effective landscape design enhances the aesthetic appeal while considering seasonal changes, color coordination, and spatial balance.

### **Well-Maintained Structure:**

This involves the upkeep and condition of the property's physical structure, including the integrity of the building, paint quality, roof condition, and absence of visible damage. A well-maintained structure conveys care and enhances the overall impression of the neighborhood.

### **Contributes to the Beauty of Torrance:**

This criterion assesses how a property enhances the overall aesthetic and character of the Torrance Community. It looks at how the property fits within its surroundings, promotes visual harmony, and adds to the communal appeal of the area.

### **Sustainable Design Features:**

This focuses on environmentally friendly practices and materials incorporated into the property. Examples include native plant landscaping, energy-efficient systems, rain gardens, and use of recycled materials. Sustainable design features contribute to environmental stewardship and can enhance the City's ecological health.

