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**TORRANCE COMMISSION ON AGING AGENDA
TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025
REGULAR MEETING
9:30 A.M. IN THE WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
AT 3031 TORRANCE BL.**

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commission members: Montoya, Wang, Davis, Grundhaus, Hileman, Dojiri, and Chair Mayfield

2. FLAG SALUTE

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

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

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Blvd. and on the City's Website on Thursday, May 1, 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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS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 comment 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 Councilmember from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. Approve Commission Minutes: APRIL 1, 2025

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

Presentation by Commissioner Pryor, Commissioner Furey and Staff Liaison to the Social Services Commission Viet Hoang.

7B. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE DIRECTION ON SPEAKERS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Commission on Aging discuss and decide on speakers relevant to the senior population.

- 1) **July 1, meeting** - City of Torrance Emergency Services, Presentation by Tadashi Masumoto, Management Assistant, on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness.
- 2) **July 1, meeting** – Heartford Hospice, Presentation by Khyla Inman, Vice President of Community Relations, on the differences between hospice and palliative care and hospice myths.

7C. RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE OLDER AMERICANS AWARD CEREMONY

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Commission on Aging discuss the 2025 Older Americans Award ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m.

7D. RECEIVE AND DISCUSS A TORRANCE CENTENARIAN APPLICATION

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Commission on Aging discuss a Centenarian nominee and receive an update from staff.

- 1) Centenarian Award applicant, Mrs. Ora N. Baker Parton.
- 2) The City Council Meeting Ceremony is requested for Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:30pm.

7E. RECEIVE AND REASSIGN THE ORAL REPORTS ON SENIOR CITIZEN CONCERNS

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Commission on Aging discuss and reassign The Oral Reports on Senior Citizen topics for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

7F. RECEIVE ORAL REPORTS ON SENIOR CITIZEN CONCERNS

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Commission on Aging report on:

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| • City Council Activities | - | Commissioner Hileman |
| • Housing & Community Programs | - | Commissioner Grundhaus |
| • Health | - | Commissioner Mayfield |
| • Transportation | - | Commissioner Davis |
| • Focal Point Programs & Elder Abuse/Fraud | - | Commissioner Dojiri |

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

- 9A.** Adjournment of Commission on Aging Meeting to Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. located in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room. The commission will go dark in the month of June.



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TORRANCE COMMISSION ON AGING**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 9:31 a.m. at the West Annex Commission Meeting Room at City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

ROLL CALL/MOTIONS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

Present: Commissioners Davis, Dojiri, Grundhaus, Hileman, Montoya and Chair Mayfield

Absent: Commissioners *Davis and Wang

Also Present: Recreation Services Manager Craig

MOTION: Chair Mayfield moved to approve the excused absence of Commissioner Wang; motion was seconded by Commissioner Hileman. The motion passed by a roll call vote. (Absent Commissioners *Davis and Wang)

* Commissioner Davis arrived at 9:34 a.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Hileman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Hileman provided words of inspiration.

3. REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Recreation Services Manager Craig reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's website on Thursday, March 27, 2025 by City Clerk Poirier.

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

No items.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

Commissioner Davis arrived at 9:34 a.m.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 4, 2025 Commission on Aging

MOTION: Commissioner Hileman moved and Commissioner Dojiri seconded, to approve the minutes of the Commission on Aging meeting of March 4, 2025. The motion passed by a 6 to 0 vote. (Absent Commissioner Wang)

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION BY WELBEHEALTH

Wendy Beltran from WELBEHEALTH presented information on their Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). She explained the core values of the program, the services provided and the locations areas that were covered. She noted that WELBEHEALTH was both an insurer and a care site, providing medical care, prescriptions, home care, social engagement, care coordination. Dental, vision and hearing screening, exercise and transportation. She

explained that many costs could be zero for those who are covered and listed those who were eligible for service and explained that 90% of the clients were dually eligible for Medicare and Medi-Cal, 9% for Medi-Cal only and 1% for Medicare only. She listed the steps to enroll in the program and how a patient could qualify for a nursing facility level of care.

MOTION: Chair Mayfield moved and Commissioner Hileman seconded, to accept and file the presentation by WELBEHEALTH. The motion passed by a 6 to 0 vote. (Absent Commissioner Wang)

7B. DISCUSSION: SPEAKERS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Chair Mayfield announced the upcoming speakers:

May 6, 2025 – – Hartford Hospice, presentation by Suzie Castillo on the differences between hospice and palliative care and hospice myths.

July 1, 2025 – City of Torrance Emergency Services, Presentation by Tadashi Masumoto, Management Assistant, on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness.

Recreation Services Manager Craig reported that the Social Services Commission had requested to attend the Commission's meeting on May 6 for a 10-minute presentation on the work of the Social Services Commission and to explore opportunities to collaborate with the Commission on Aging.

7C. RECEIVE AND DISCUSS OLDER AMERICANS AWARD APPLICATIONS

Commissioner Hileman moved and Chair Mayfield seconded to withdraw Bob Habel's name from consideration, as he had won the award previously. The motion passed by a 6 to 0 vote. (Absent Commissioner Wang)

Recreation Services Manager Craig confirmed that the person who nominated Bob Habel would be informed of the withdrawal of the nomination.

The Commission discussed the other five nominations and selected all five nominations for the City of Torrance.

Chair Mayfield moved and Commissioner Montoya seconded to selected all of the remaining five nominations for the City of Torrance. The motion passed by a 6 to 0 vote. (Absent Commissioner Wang)

Commissioner Hileman moved and Commissioner Dojiri seconded to select Ellen Jenkins for the Los Angeles County Older Americans Award. The motion passed by a 6 to 0 vote. (Absent Commissioner Wang)

Recreation Services Manager Craig noted that he would ask Senior Recreation Supervisor Castro to confirm the date of the award presentation with the Commission.

7D. RECEIVE AND REASSIGN THE ORAL REPORTS ON SENIOR CITIZEN CONCERNS

Chair Mayfield moved and Commissioner Grundhaus seconded to postpone the reassignment of the oral reports on Senior Citizens concerns until the next meeting on May 6, 2025. The motion passed by a 6 to 0 vote. (Absent Commissioner Wang)

7E. ORAL REPORTS ON SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERNS

1. City Council Activities

Commissioner Hileman announced that the 63rd Annual Armed Forces Day parade would take place on May 17, 2025 and added that Dodgers tickets were on sale for a July 20 game.

2. Housing and Community Programs

Commissioner Grundhaus announced that there would be: a senior talent show on April 23, Torrance Travelers would have a trip to Olvera Street on April 30 and an Art and Crafts Fair would take place on May 3 at the Ken Miller Center. She noted that there would be the Annual Pancake breakfast at the ATTIC on April 5.

3. Health

Chair Mayfield discussed activities that could help to maintain body strength and balance and diets that could maintain a healthy weight.

4. Transportation

No report

5. Focal Point Programs and Elder Abuse/Fraud

Commissioner Dojiri reported the following statistics for the month of:

March 2025:

Total number of documented calls: 30	Web Inquiries: 171
Miscellaneous calls: 43	Total number of calls received: 73

Of the documented calls there were the following requests:

Requests for transportation 14%	Requests for in home services 20%
Requests for housing 30%	

Elder Abuse/Fraud

Commissioner Dojiri discussed charity scams and how to verify the providers.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2 Commissioners/Staff

The Commission welcomed Commissioner Montoya.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. At 9:24 a.m., Chair Mayfield moved to adjourn the meeting the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 6, at 9:30 a.m. at the West Annex Commission Meeting Room at City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hileman. The motion passed by a 6-0 vote. (Absent: Commissioner Wang)



May 6, 2025

**Social Services Commission
Presentation to Commission
on Aging**

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Today's Presenters

Karen Pryor

Vice Chair of the Commission
First Appointed July 2024

Teresa Furey

Member of the Commission
First Appointed July 2024

Lauren Ashley Allen

Viet Hoang

Staff Liaisons to the Commission

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History and Jurisdiction of the Commission

- September 22, 2015 Created by City Council
- Meetings: Fourth Thursday of Each Month
- Advisory recommendations to City Council on matters related to:
 - Veterans
 - People Experiencing Homelessness
 - Adults with Developmental Disabilities
 - Children with Special Needs

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Commission Work Plan

1. Information, Resources, Outreach & Referrals
2. Understanding and Keeping Connected with Our Populations
3. Marshalling Community Support and Raising Public Awareness
4. City's Support of Social Services
5. Increasing Housing Opportunities
6. Developing Social Opportunities and Inclusion

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How the Commission Gets Work Done

- Presentations received by Commission from community-based organizations, government agencies, and City Departments (new opportunities, modifications to existing programs), resulting in:
 - Educational programs
 - Recommendations made to City Staff to build into existing programs
 - Recommendations made to City Council for consideration (recommendations that require funding, policy decisions or partnerships with another agency)

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Annual Events

- Homeless Count: January (this year, February)
- Toiletry Drive: March/April (this year, May 1 - 15)
- TUSD Back-to-School Supplies Drive: June/July
- Veterans Appreciation Event: November

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Other Key Successes

- Educational Campaigns
 - Online listing of government agencies or nonprofits contracted by government agencies to serve Veterans, PEH, Adult and Youth with Development Disabilities
 - Online listing and hard copy guide for nonprofits in Torrance to promote through City resources
- Recommendation to City Council for Homeless Outreach Program, Interim Housing
- Collaboration with City and TranZitions EVOLVE program for internship for those with neurodiversities
- Staff Liaison-in-Training program

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Homelessness Among Seniors

- Prevention services may be available through referrals to County-funded programs
- Unhoused individuals from Torrance will be assessed by City staff for appropriate services

Outreach Team (Text Preferred)

- Valerie Hernandez: (310) 803-3390
- Norma Olvera: (310) 357-8591
- Irene Sanchez: (424) 323-8934

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Opportunities for Collaboration

Specific Ask:

What ideas does your Commission have as areas of collaboration?

Specific Invitation:

Come to future Social Services Commission meeting (4th Thursday of Each Month, 6:00 pm)

- Oral Communications: 1 minute or less
- Administrative Matters: Contact staff for a formal presentation