

The Social Services Commission is an advisory body to the City Council that generally meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The Commission may make recommendations to the City Council on Veterans affairs, homeless issues, adults with development disabilities, and children with special needs. All meetings are open to the public except for those portions that under law may be considered in closed session.

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**TORRANCE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION AGENDA  
JUNE 26, 2025  
REGULAR MEETING  
6:00 P.M. WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM  
LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL:** Commission Members Furey, Leys, Pryor, Reynolds, Wright, Chair Bickford

**2. FLAG SALUTE:** Commissioner Pryor

**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 June 18, 2025

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

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

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for comment on items on the Consent Calendar or items not on the agenda. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Commission cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. **No longer than 1 minute per speaker.** If presenting handout material to the Commission, please provide 10 copies to staff before speaking.*

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.*

**6A. APPROVE MINUTES: MAY 22, 2025**

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**7A. ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION FROM THE TORRANCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON THE NAMES ON THE WALL PROJECT**

**7B. ACCEPT AND FILE UPDATE FROM STAFF ON THE PLANNING FOR THE 2025 VETERANS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON AND RESOURCE FAIR**

**8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

- 9A.** Adjournment of the Social Services Commission Meeting to Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 6:00 pm for a regular meeting in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room



Minutes for May 22, 2025 Social Services Commission meeting will be available at the June 26, 2025 Commission meeting.

Honorable Members of the Social Services Commission  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

Members of the Commission:

**SUBJECT: Accept and File Presentation from the Torrance Historical Society on the Names on the Wall Project**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of staff that the Social Services Commission accept and file a presentation from the Torrance Historical Society on the Names on the Wall Project.

**BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

The mission of the Torrance Historical Society is to promote interest in and education in the history of Torrance and the San Pedro Rancho; to promote historical research in Torrance; to collect, acquire, preserve, conserve and make available records, data, photographs, oral history, and related documents and information bearing on the history of Torrance through the operation of a museum and archives.

As part of their work preserving and promoting the rich history of Torrance, a group of dedicated volunteers has been quietly working in the background for many years to preserve and share the life stories of the 151 Torrance military personnel who gave their lives in service to the country during wartime. Information about the Names on the Wall Project, as well as stories of the names on the wall, can be found at the Torrance Historical Website at:  
<https://torrancehistoricalsociety.org/research/names-on-the-wall/>

These 151 Torrance military personnel names are also memorialized on the City of Torrance Veterans Memorial, which was dedicated in 2002. Each year on Memorial Day, the Torrance Historical Society conducts a memorial service, which includes the reading of the 151 names.

This evening, former Torrance Councilmember Kurt Weideman, Torrance Library Commissioner Dennis Piotrowski, and Torrance Cultural Arts Commissioner Michelle Polcari, in their capacity as volunteers of the Torrance Historical Society, will share the work of the Society in preserving and sharing the stories of our local heroes.

Respectfully submitted,



Lauren Allen  
Staff Liaison-In-Training



Candice Lau  
Staff Liaison-In-Training

Honorable Members of the Social Services Commission  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

Members of the Commission:

**SUBJECT: Accept and File Update from Staff on the Planning for the 2025 Veterans  
Appreciation Luncheon and Resource Fair**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of staff that the Social Services Commission accept and file an update from Staff on the planning for the 2025 Veterans Appreciation Luncheon and Resource Fair.

**BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

At tonight's meeting, LeAnne Chen, Veteran's Appreciation Event Coordinator, will provide your Honorable Body with an update on preliminary plans for the 2025 Veterans Appreciation Luncheon and Resource Fair, including:

- Event design;
- Marketing of the event;
- Timeline for securing resource fair participants;
- RSVP dates;
- Messaging to Veterans;
- Program elements;
- Meal;
- Timeline.

At a future meeting, staff will present a final plan for the event for your Honorable body's approval.

Respectfully submitted,



LeAnne Chen  
Veterans Event Coordinator



Viet Hoang  
Staff to the Commission