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**TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. IN THE WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
AT 3031 TORRANCE BL.**

**THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM LISTED
ON THE AGENDA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Commission members: Cabrera, Candioly, Carrasco, Duncan, Hsiao, Klinenberg and Polcari

2. FLAG SALUTE

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, July 17, 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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS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 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 comments 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 16, 2025

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – NOMINATE AND ELECT THE 2025-2026 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission nominate and elect the Chair and Vice Chair for 2025-2026.

7B. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – RECEIVE AND FILE CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION UPDATES

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission receive and file the Cultural Services activity updates.

7C. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATES ON PUBLIC ART – UTILITY BOX FOR THE TORRANCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission receive and file updates for the proposed utility box design for the Torrance Historical Society.

7D. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATES ON PUBLIC ART – UTILITY BOX DESIGNS FROM THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission receive and file utility box submissions from the Leadership Academy.

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

- 9A.** Adjournment of the Cultural Arts Commission Meeting to Monday, August 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Conference Room.



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2025, in the West Annex meeting room, 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Cabrera, Carrasco, Duncan, Hsiao, Klinenberg, Polcari and Chair Kraemer.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Monica Harte and Torrance Art Museum Director and Head Curator Max Presneill.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Kraemer.

3. REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Cultural Services Manager Harte reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's website on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

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

None.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A member of the public spoke.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MAY 19, 2025

MOTION: Commissioner Klinenberg moved to approve the May 19, 2025 minutes. Commissioner Duncan seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 7-0 approval.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – RECEIVE AND FILE CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION UPDATES

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission receive and file the Cultural Services activity updates.

Cultural Services Manager Harte presented Item 7A, providing Cultural Services Division updates.

Commissioner Kraemer inquired whether the crowd at the Torrance Summer Nights opening event had been of record size. Cultural Services Manager Harte confirmed, stating that 2,200 people attended the event.

Members of the Commission spoke.

MOTION: Commissioner Cabrera moved to receive and file the report from the Cultural Services Manager. Commissioner Klinenberg seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 7-0 approval.

7B. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATES ON TORRANCE ART MUSEUM

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission receive and file Torrance Art Museum updates.

Cultural Services Manager Harte introduced the item.

Torrance Art Museum Director and Head Curator Presneill provided a PowerPoint presentation with updates on the museum. The presentation highlighted the various exhibits and art shows that the museum offered over the past year and introduced upcoming exhibits and projects.

MOTION: Commissioner Hsiao moved to receive and file the Torrance Art Museum updates. Commissioner Polcari seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 7-0 approval.

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the Commission spoke.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:44 p.m., Commissioner Polcari moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, July 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Klinenberg; a roll call vote reflected 7-0 approval.

For Commission Meeting
July 21, 2025

TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURALSERVICES MANAGER

SUBJECT: NOMINATE AND ELECT THE 2025-2026 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission nominate and elect the Chair and Vice Chair for 2025-2026.

The current Vice Chair shall conduct the election. Past practice for the nomination and election has been based on those Commissioners who have the most seniority. However, any Commissioner may nominate a fellow Commissioner for the position of Chair or Vice Chair. Selection will be made by majority vote, and each appointee shall serve for one year.

Respectfully submitted,



Monica Harte
Cultural Services Manager

TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER
SUBJECT: DIVISION UPDATES

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission receive and file Cultural Services Division updates.

- **Something Rotten**, the 2025 hilarious Summer Musical presented at the James R. Armstrong Theatre, August 9th through the 17th is on sale. This musical comedy follows two brothers who try to steal Shakespeare's next hit play. Join them as they tap dance their way across the Renaissance into the modern-day musical. For tickets: <https://torr-internet.choicecrm.net/dist/#/events/productions.TTC>
- The Torrance Art Museum opened **TRYST and NOMAD** at Del Amo Crossing on July 11, 2025. The Mayor delivered an inspiring speech that resonated with the artists. After the event, we organized a private showing of the Torrance Art Museum's current exhibit. On Saturday evening, the artists participated in a special opening and reception at the Bendix Bldg., and on Sunday, the staff, along with all the artists, finalized the deinstallation at Del Amo Crossing.

From July 11 to 13, we saw approximately 4,000 attendees.

- **Torrance Summer Nights** the Bruno Mars Tribute, *Locked Out of Heaven*, attracted nearly 2,500 attendees, marking our largest audience to date. The *Blue Breeze Band*, along with *Andy and Renee & Hardrain*, attracted their specific fanbases, contributing to the overwhelming success of the concerts. Our upcoming concert, *Space Oddity*, featuring a tribute to David Bowie, is scheduled for July 19, 2025. The event will start at 5:00 PM. The concerts will continue with the ice cream truck, which has proven to be very popular.

Respectfully submitted,



Monica Harte
Cultural Services Manager

Attachment: 1) Torrance Theatre Company - Something Rotten
2) Torrance Art Museum – Tryst and Nomad
3) Torrance Summer Nights – Space Oddity, a David Bowie tribute band

TORRANCE THEATRE COMPANY

PRESENTS

SOMETHING ROTTEN!



**ON SALE
JUNE 1ST!**

**Book By Karey Kirkpatrick and John O'Farrell Music and Lyrics
by Wayne Kirkpatrick and Karey Kirkpatrick**

Conceived by Karey Kirkpatrick and Wayne Kirkpatrick

Directed by Cary Jordahl - Choreographed by Sjaan Trowbridge

AUGUST 9-17, 2025

JAMES ARMSTRONG THEATRE - 3330 CIVIC CENTER DR. - TORRANCE, 90503

TICKETS STARTING AS LOW AS \$25!

FOR MORE INFO: WWW.TORRANCETHEATRECOMPANY.COM



**TORRANCE
THEATRE
COMPANY**

A program of the Cultural Services Division of the Torrance
Community Services Department. www.TorranceCA.Gov
Sponsored in part by Friends of TTC.



TRYST

ALTERNATIVE ART FAIR

OVER 65 ART GALLERIES
AND ARTIST-RUN SPACES
FROM AROUND THE WORLD!!!



Located at Del Amo Crossing
21535 Hawthorne Blvd, Torrance, CA 90503

VIP Opening: Friday, July 11, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Hours: Sat & Sun, July 12-13, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION | TorranceArtMuseum.com



JULY 11 - 13, 2025
AT DEL AMO CROSSING

SO-CAL

THE LARGEST CONTEMPORARY
POP-UP SHOW IN THE U.S.
OVER 200 SO-CAL ARTIST



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TAM
TORRANCE ART MUSEUM

City of
TORRANCE
California



PRESENTING SPONSOR



SPACE ODDITY

JULY 19, 2025 AT 5:00PM

**WILSON PARK AMPHITHEATRE
2200 GRENSHAW BLVD.**

***Picnics, blankets, and
lawn chairs welcome!***



For more information:

www.TorranceCA.Gov/SummerNights



SPACE ODDITY *David Bowie Tribute Band*

Experience David Bowie's miraculous transformation from space-aged rock idol, to polished mainstream media star... and the timeless classics that forever changed the face of pop culture, with David Brighton's salute to the most electrifying performer of our time.

"David Brighton has the voice, moves and look to actually step in for David Bowie if he were unavailable and few would ever know. Experiencing Space Oddity made for a truly remarkable evening..." says Harry Maslin, the Producer of David Bowie's YOUNG AMERICANS and STATION TO STATION Albums.



For Commission Meeting
July 21, 2025


TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURALSERVICES MANAGER

SUBJECT: RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATES ON PUBLIC ART – UTILITY BOX FOR THE TORRANCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission receive and file update regarding the proposed utility box design for the Torrance Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted,



Monica Harte
Cultural Services Manager

Attachment: 1) Utility Box proposed design for Torrance Historical Society

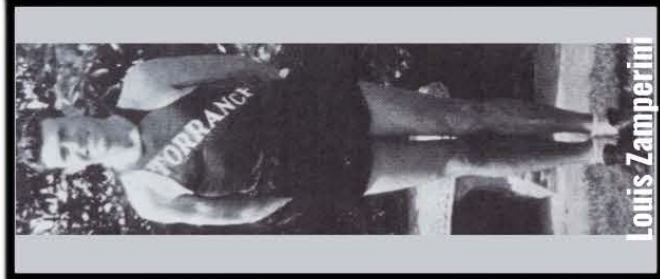
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TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURALSERVICES MANAGER

SUBJECT: RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATES ON PUBLIC ART – UTILITY BOX DESIGNS FROM THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission receive and file utility box submissions from three groups associated with the Leadership Academy.

Respectfully submitted,



Monica Harte
Cultural Services Manager

Attachment: 1) Happy to Help
2) Team Meat
3) The Strayz

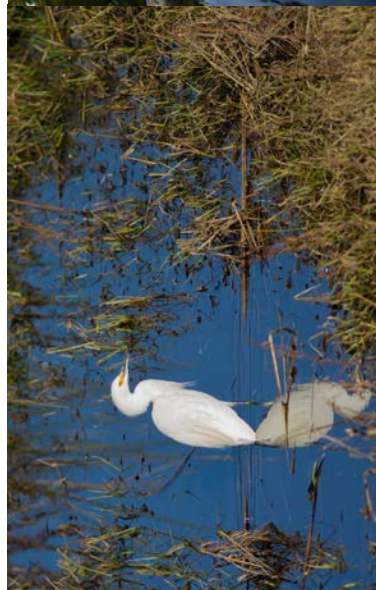
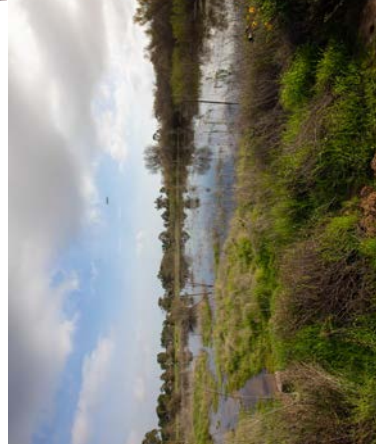


ATTACHMENT 1



Hidden Gems

BY HAPPY 2 HELP



DISTRICT 3 UTILITY BOX ART

Japanese Pine Wind Garden

- Historical significance
- Spirit of balance
- 1300 steps from the box

Madrona Marsh

- Simplicity of nature
- Reminder that Torrance isn't just about business
- 1500 steps from the box



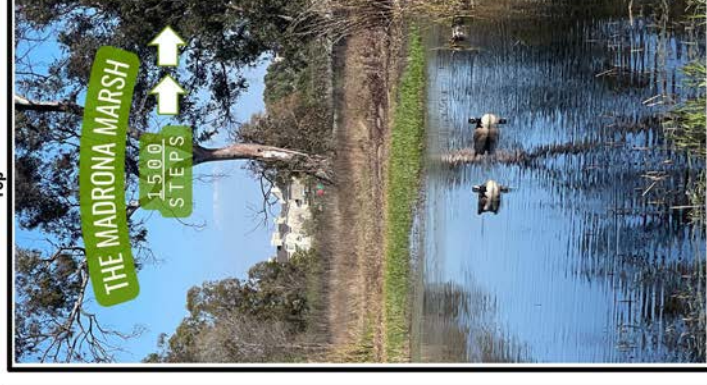
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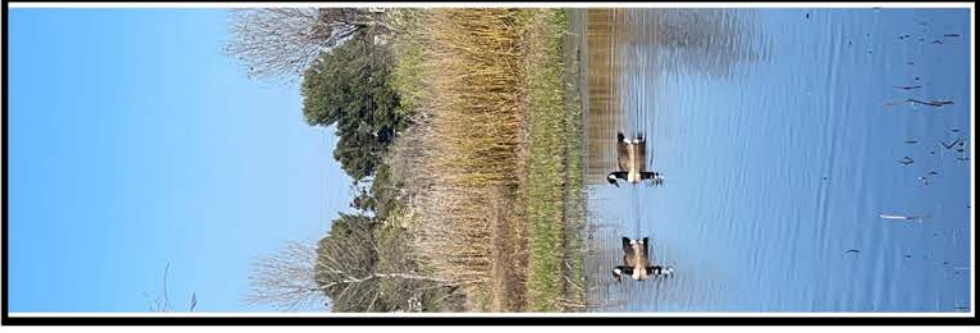
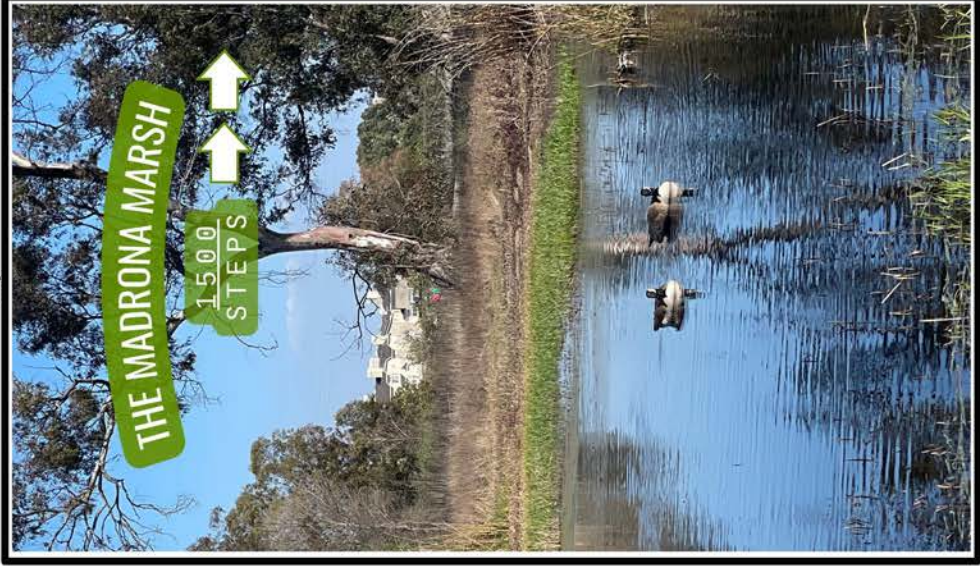
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DISTRICT 3 UTILITY BOX ART

Find Yourself

Downtown Torrance



Torrance Airport



The Roadium



Transit Center



Sea-Aire Golf Course

in the Heart of the South Bay

Los Arboles
Rocketship Park

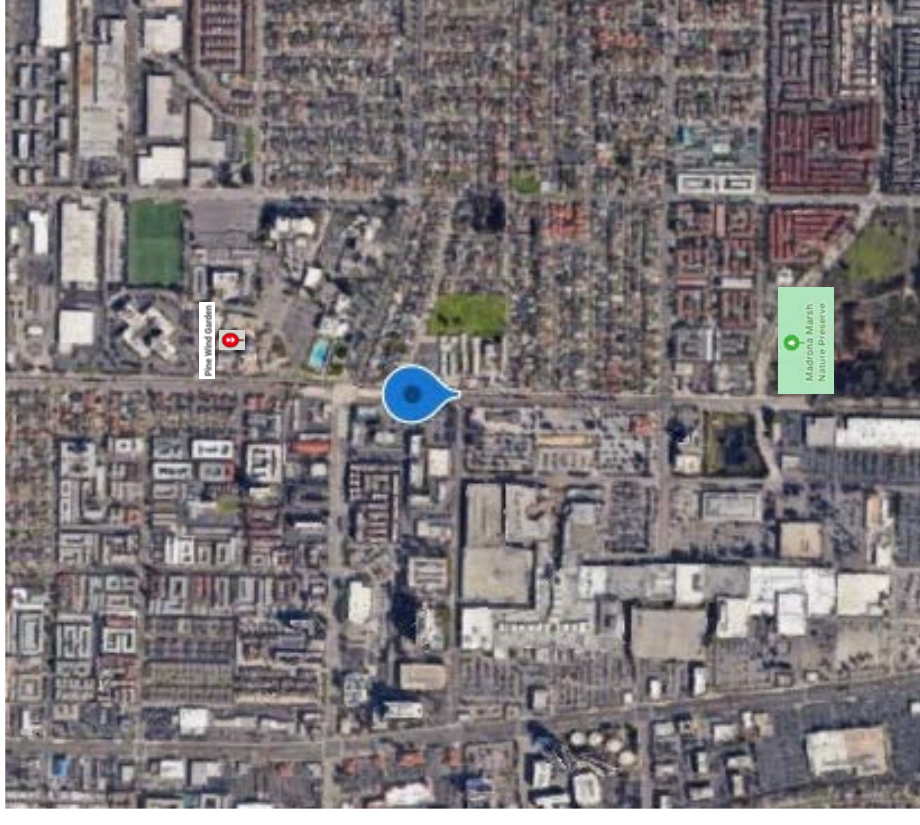
Katy Geissert Civic
Center Library

Torrance Beach

DISTRICT 3 UTILITY BOX LOCATION

Madrona Ave. and Fashion Way

- Near Del Amo Fashion Center
- Midway between the Pine Wind Garden and the Madrona Marsh
- High-traffic area
- Display walking distance, encouraging visits



DISTRICT 4 UTILITY BOX ART

Downtown Torrance Corner of Sartori and El Prado

- Footprint of the area is as it was in 1912
- In the heart of the area
- A balanced city
- Gathering hub
- Design to be more eye catching



Find Yourself
 The Village
 Headwaters Bill Corcoran
 City Hall
 Torrance
 in the Heart of the South Bay
 California
 The Village
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DISTRICT 4 UTILITY BOX ART

Find Yourself

Farmer's Market



Hawthorne Blvd Corridor



The Plunge



Pine Wind Garden



City Hall



Centennial Plaza



Madrona Marsh



Pacific Electric
Railroad Bridge



in the Heart of the South Bay

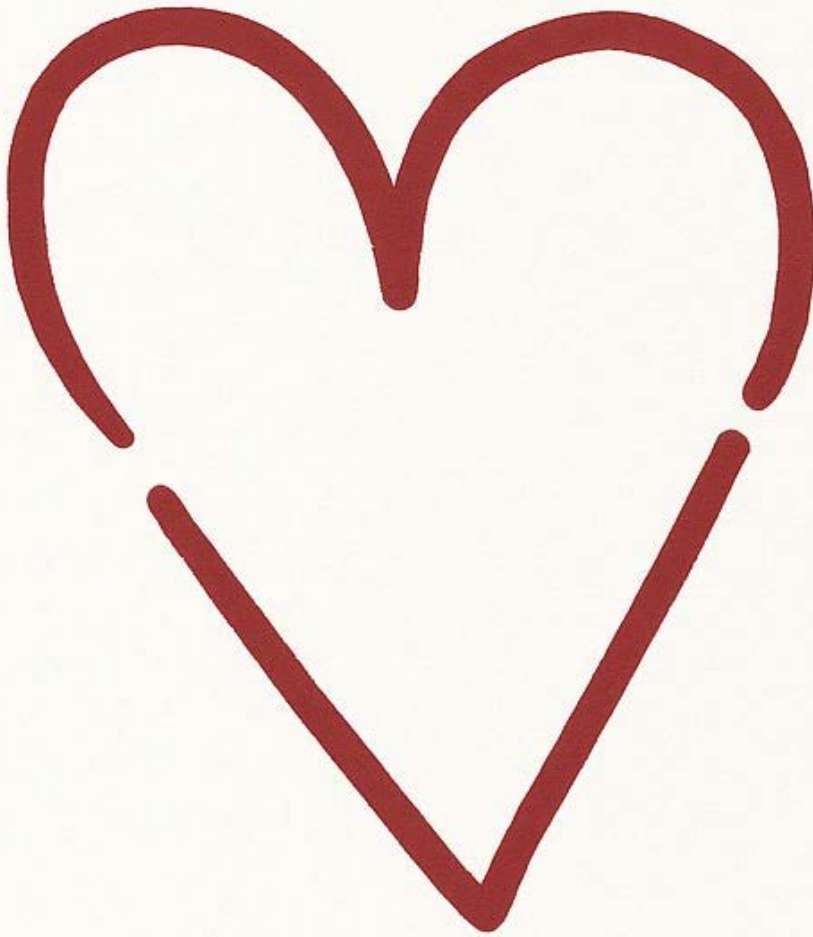
DISTRICT 4 UTILITY BOX LOCATION

- High foot traffic
- Tourism
- Olympics
- Shuttle services
- Economic Growth
- Great advertisement



MEETING
EXPECTATIONS
ALL THE
TIME

UTILITY ART PRESENTATION





TORRANCE INBLOOM

DISTRICT 1

TORRANCE IN BLOOM

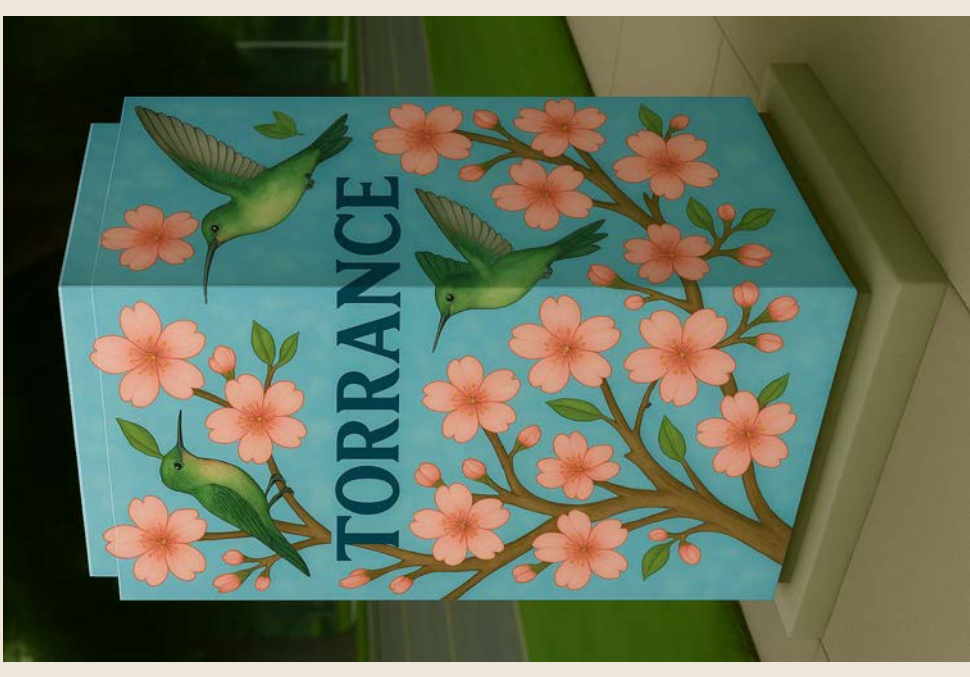
As the gateway to Torrance, this district embodies a rich blend of diverse cultures, offering a warm and inspiring welcome to all who enter our city. The cherry blossoms symbolize, love, friendship, diversity, and new beginnings enriching the area's identity. Meanwhile, hummingbirds, historically associated with good luck and prosperity, serve as a meaningful representation of this thriving community.



UTILITY BOX INSPIRATIONS



FRONT



BACK

District 1: Torrance in Bloom (TIB)

- Front (swap the map for the attached District 1 map)
- Back (center the Torrance name)
- Sides (same color scheme – include cherry blossom tree branches and humming-birds)



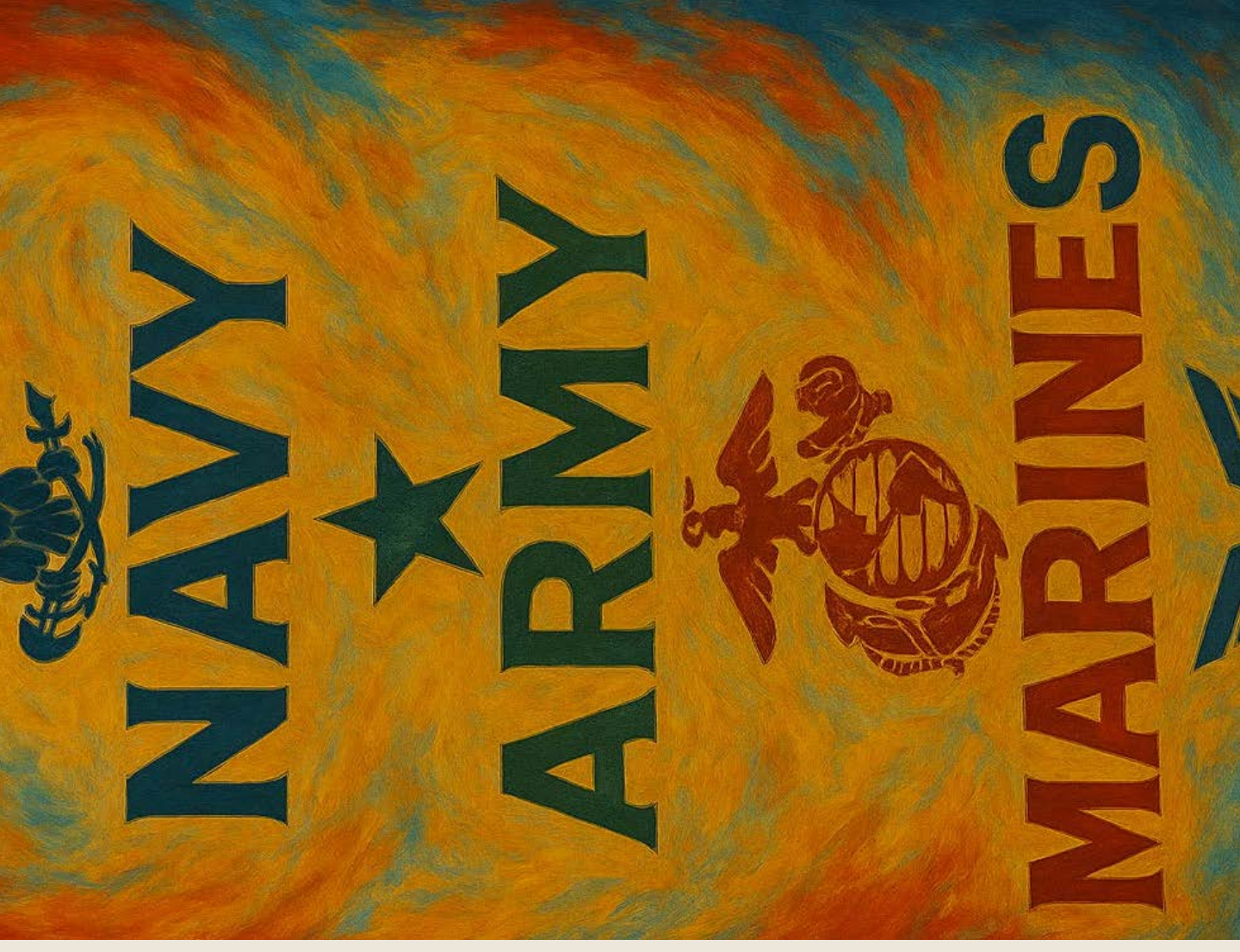


STRENGTH &
HONOR

DISTRICT 2

STRENGTH & HONOR

Torrance has a long-standing and cherished tradition of honoring our armed forces, dating back to 1960. Placing this artwork in District 2 is a meaningful tribute to that history. Many patrons of restaurant row are current and former service members, and they will appreciate seeing how this area not only recognizes their contribution but honors them as well.



UTILITY BOX INSPIRATIONS



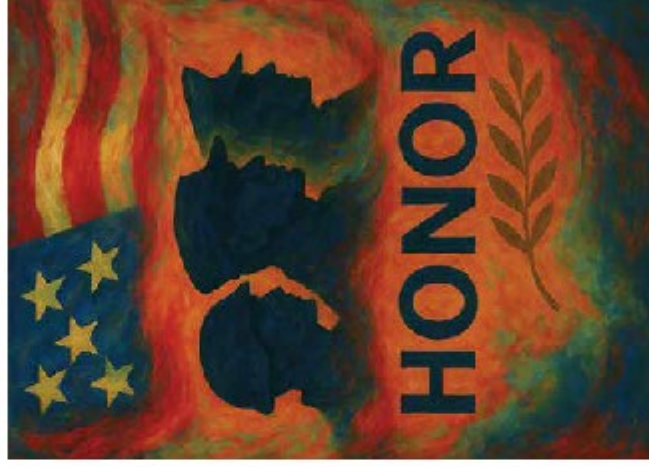
FRONT



BACK

District 2: **Strength & Honor (S & H)**

- Front
- Back (would like to use image of flags if not available, this is ok)
- Sides & Top (same color scheme – no images)



UTILITY BOX PUBLIC ART

- Torrance in Bloom (District 1, Councilman Kaji)
- Strength & Honor (District 2, Councilman Lewis)

TEAM MEMBERS

- Adrian Perez
- Christina Szczytkowski
- Jennifer Guerrero
- Kathy Dascomb
- Kenita Trinidad
- Mehregan Garcia
- Sharion Colbert



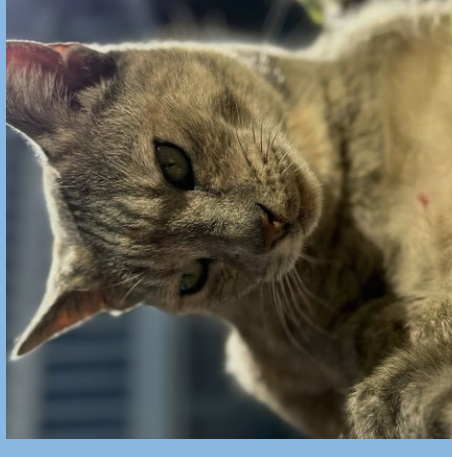
Utility BOX Public Artwork

Districts 5 & 6

May 15, 2025 | The Strayz



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Hansen**



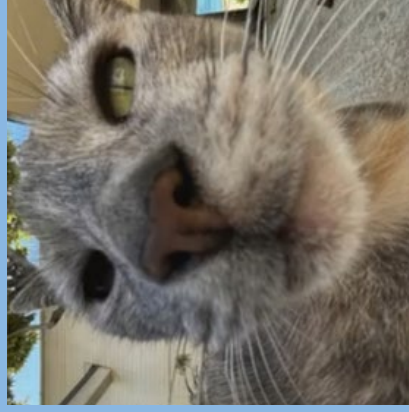
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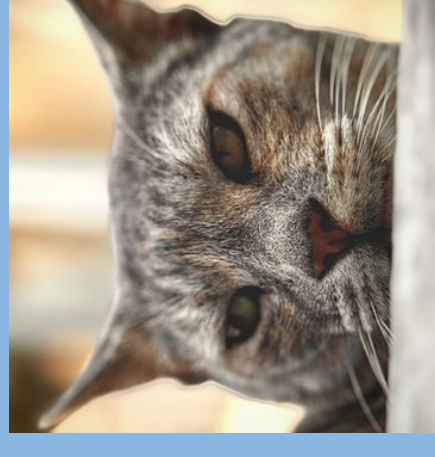
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Leung**



**Mathew
Wessels**



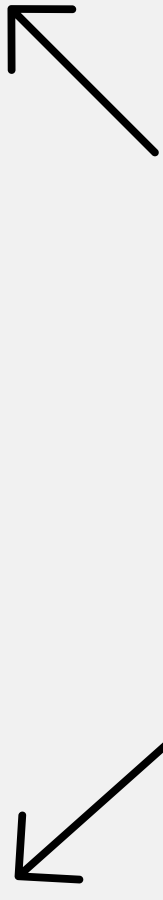
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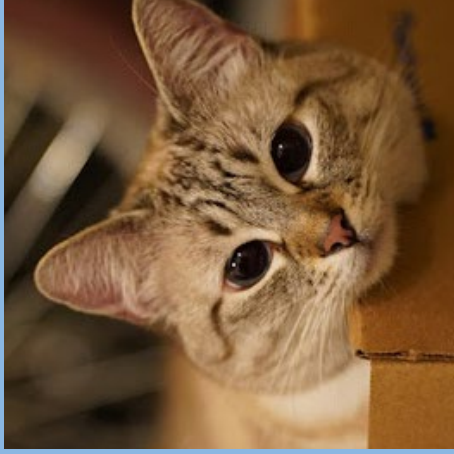
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Imai**



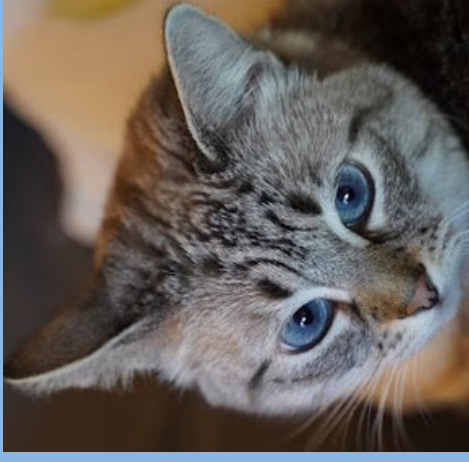
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Academy Spring
2025**



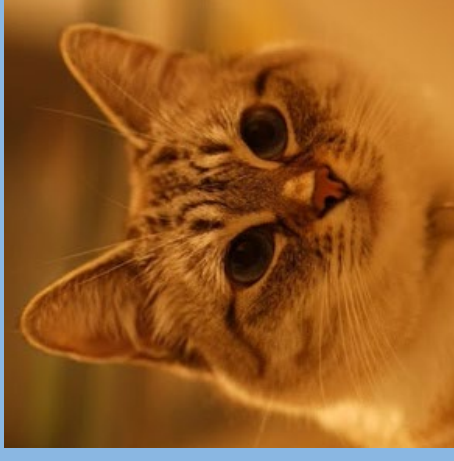
HONORARY STRAYZ



**Lauren
Allen**



**Allen
Teng**



**Carlos
Romero**

Process Breakdown

What makes
these districts
special?

Which box
locations are
ideal?

What do we
showcase?

How do we
bring these
ideas to life?

District 5



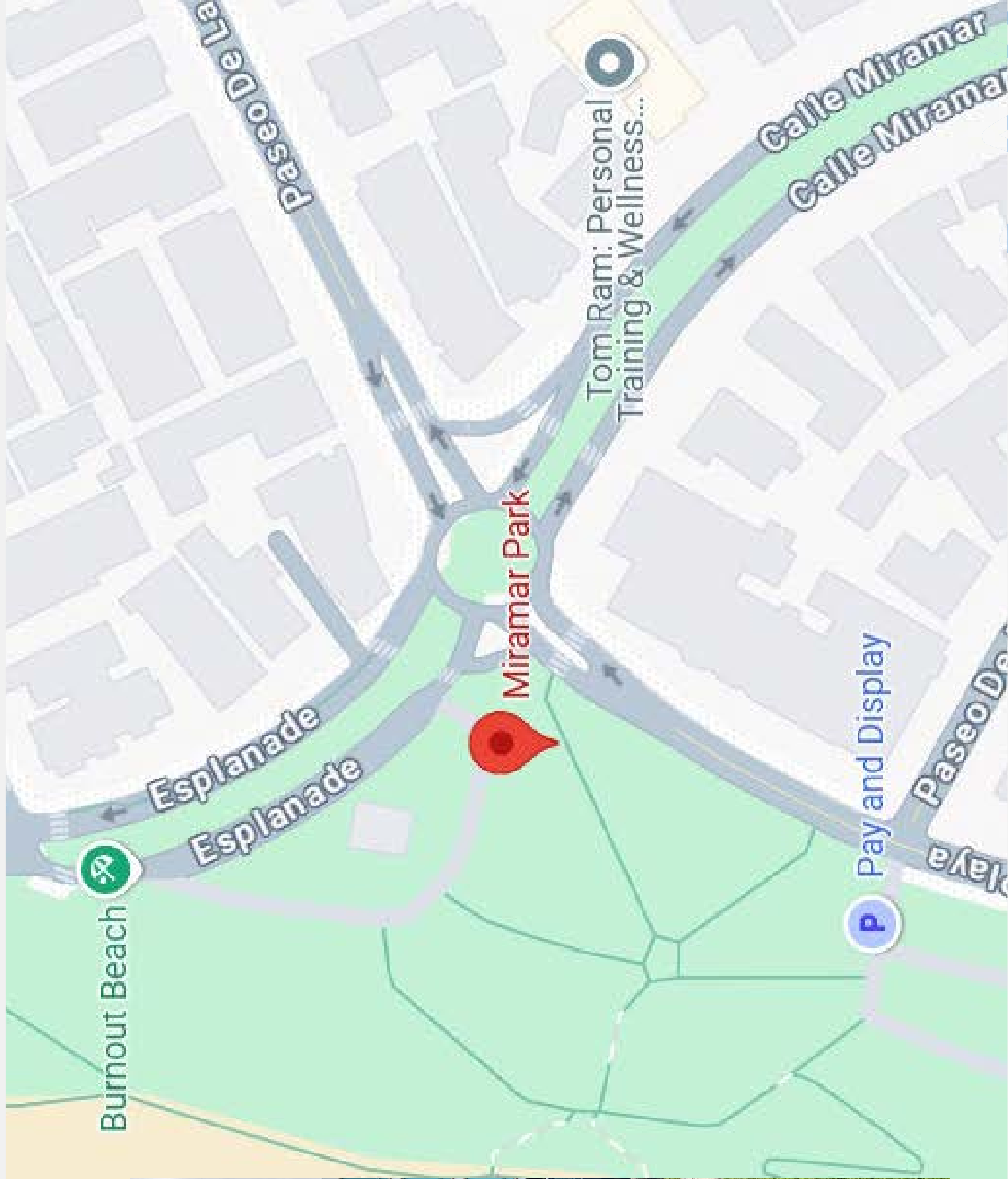
City of
Torrance

DISTRICT 5
CHECK IT OUT!

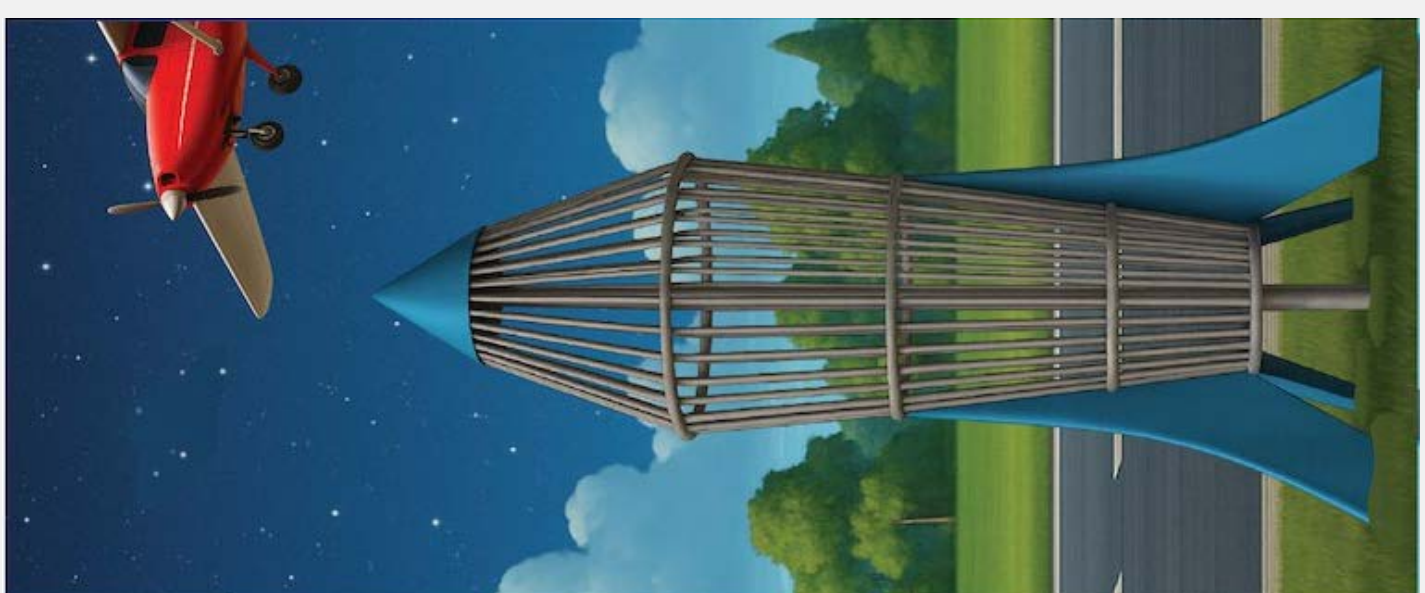
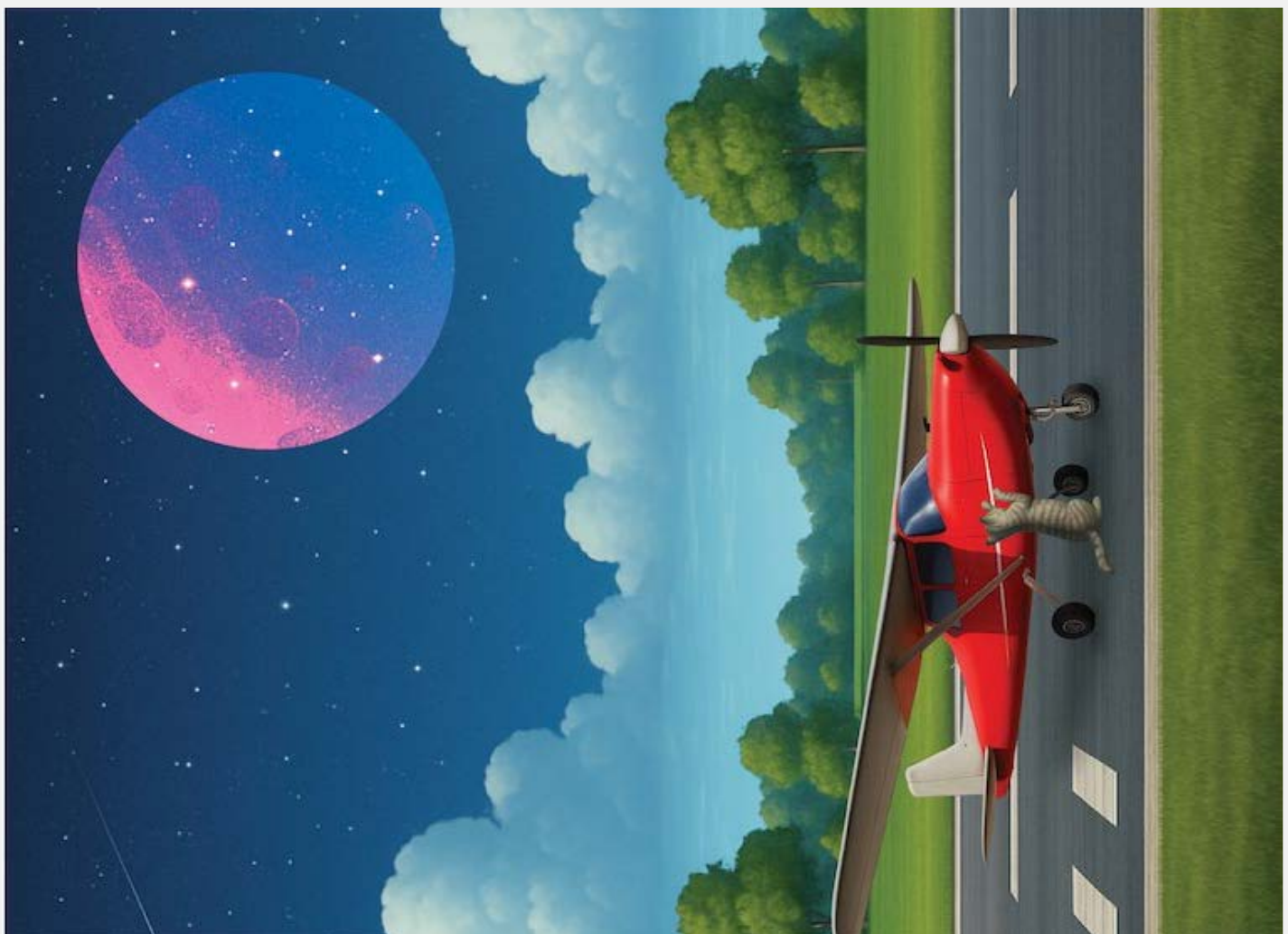
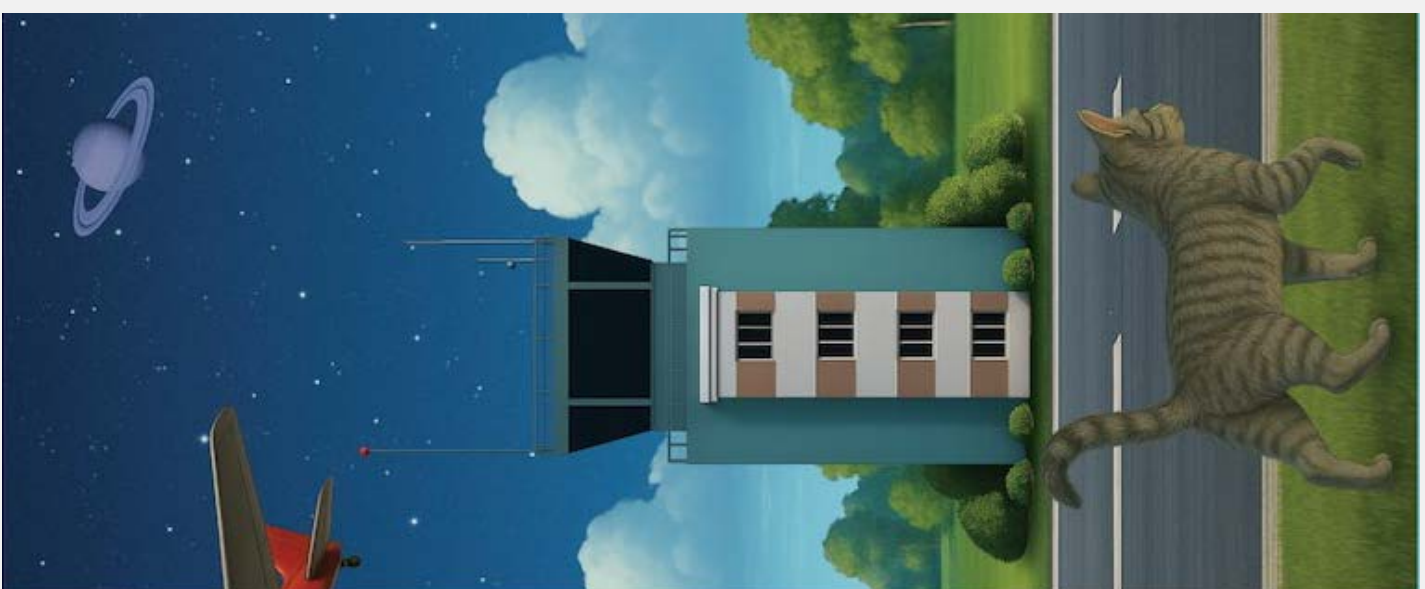
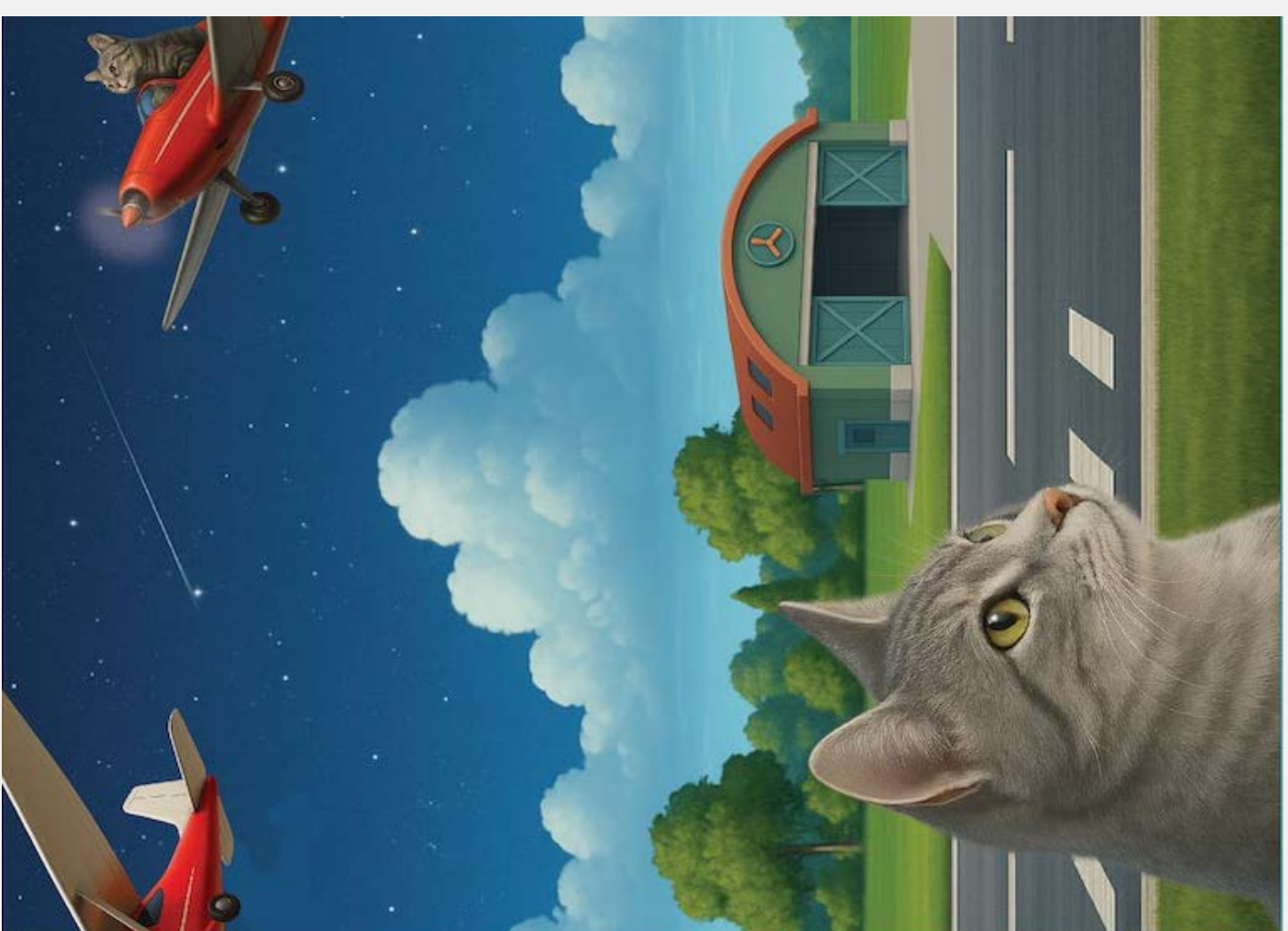


- 1 SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL
- 2 RAT & TORRANCE BEACH
- 3 ROCKETSHIP PARK
- 4 FIRE STATION 4
- 5 SEA-AIRE GOLF COURSE
- 6 HILL SIDE (5)
- 7 BUTCHER HILL
- 8 SEASIDE HEROES PARK
- 9 LAGO SECO PARK & TORRANCE COMMUNITY GARDENS
- 10 EL RETIRO LIBRARY & PARK

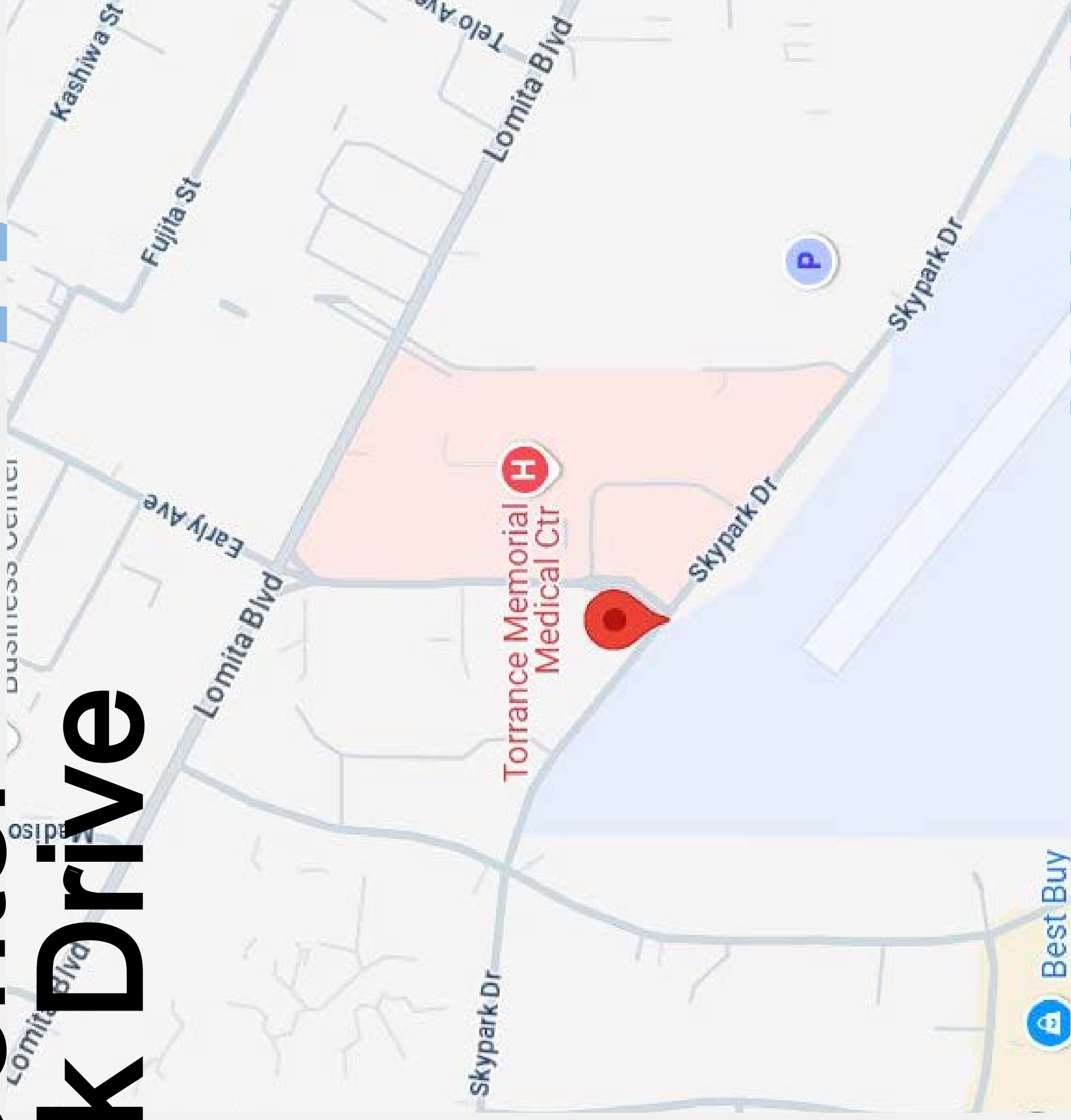
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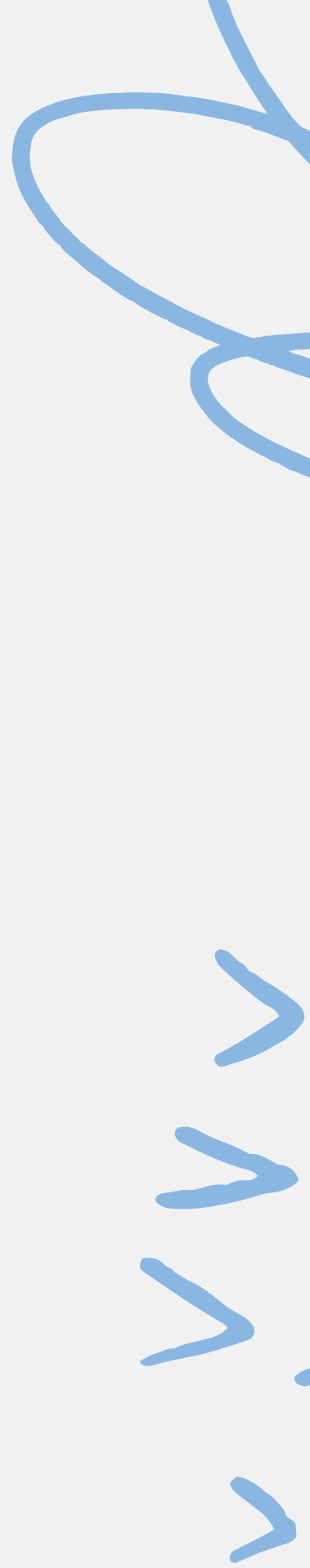
District 6



0096 Medical Center Drive & Skypark Drive



Process... A Team Effort!

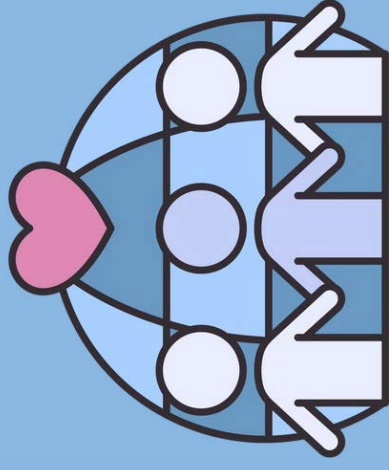


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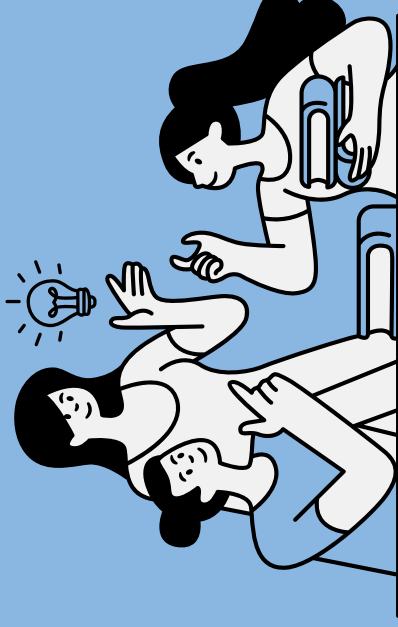
Living Uniquely



Integrity



Caring



Thriving Community

