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**TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. IN THE WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
AT 3031 TORRANCE BL.**

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Youth Councilmembers: Alzayat, Ann, Berga, Chang, Cho, Choi, Donald, Han, Hanoun,
Hong, Kim, Leys, Ra, Rege, Rosen, Sharma, Song and Tripathi.

**2. FLAG SALUTE
INSPIRATIONAL**

3. REPORT OF THE 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 August 14, 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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS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 Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. Approve Commission Minutes: June 4, 2025

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. Accept and File Updates and Information Regarding Youth Council Notebooks.

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

- Discuss the 2025 – 2026 notebooks
- Youth Council policies and procedures
- Robert’s Rules of Order
- City policies and protocols

7C. Receive and Approve Youth Council 2024-2025 Annual Report

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council receive and approve the 2024-2025 Annual Youth Council Report.

7D. 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) Assign Youth Councilmembers for upcoming meetings.

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

- 9A.** Adjournment of Torrance Youth Council Meeting to Monday, August 25, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the ATTIC Multi-Purpose Room, 2320 W. Carson Street.



**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 Chairperson A. Choi at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2025. The meeting was held in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room at Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard

ROLL CALL/MOTIONS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

Present: Berga, Chang, Cho, J. Choi, Han, Hanoun, Ho, Johnson, McCallum, Ra, *Rege, Rosen, Sharma, Suk, Tripathi and Chairperson A. Choi

Absent: Youth Councilmember Kim

Staff: Jesus Castro, Senior Recreation Supervisor
Emily Escalante, Senior Program Specialist

*Youth Councilmember Rege arrived at 7:08 p.m.

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Tripathi moved to approve the excused absence of Commissioners Kim. Youth Councilmember Ho seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 16-0 (Absent Kim).

2. FLAG SALUTE AND INSPIRATIONAL

Flag Salute: Youth Councilmember McCallum

Inspirational: Youth Councilmember Suk

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

Senior Recreation Supervisor Jesus Castro reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's website on Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN DEFERRED AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

None.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES– APRIL 16, 2025 AND MAY 7, 2025

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Sharma moved to approve the minutes of the April 16 and May 7 meeting as submitted. Youth Councilmember Berga seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 16-0 (Absent Kim).

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. STUDENT BODY – ACCEPT AND FILE UPDATES REGARDING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT EACH TORRANCE SCHOOL

Reports provided for CAMS, North, South, Torrance and West High School.

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Rosen moved to accept and file the oral reports; Youth Councilmember McCallum seconded; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 16-0 (Absent Kim).

7B. PROVIDE UPDATES AND INFORMATION REGARDING MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND VARIOUS CITY COMMISSIONS

City Council Report **5/20/25**- Youth councilmember Ra

A public hearing on the proposed operating budget was announced and the City's naming procedures will be reviewed.

ASSIGNMENTS: None.

Library Commission Report: None.

ASSIGNMENTS: None.

Parks and Recreation Commission Report: None.

ASSIGNMENTS: None.

7C. RECEIVE ORAL REPORTS ON COMMITTEE UPDATES

ASB Bowl: None.

Senior Events: None.

Youth Forum/Community Outreach: None.

Beat the Odds: The event was successful overall and the stories were moving. A possible improvement would be the seating arrangements and assignments.

Publicity: None.

AAC/Happy to Chat Bench/Little Free Library: None.

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Sharma moved to accept and file the committee updates; Youth Councilmember Rosen seconded; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 16-0 (Absent Kim).

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:28 p.m., Youth Councilmember Rege moved to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Annex Commission Meeting Room at Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard. Youth Councilmember Ho seconded; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval 16-0 (Absent Kim).



TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL COMMISSION

ANNUAL REPORT

2024 - 2025

PURPOSE OF COMMISSION:

The Torrance Youth Council (TYC) is composed of Torrance high school students whose purpose is to identify and act 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 on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 7 p.m., in the West Annex Commission Meeting 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.

2024-2025 MEMBERS OF THE TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL:

Alexis Choi	<i>Chair</i>	Bruce McCallum	<i>Historian</i>	Aanya Tripathi	<i>Member</i>
Haena Suk	<i>Vice Chair</i>	Priyanshu Sharma	<i>Historian</i>	Fibiana Hanoun	<i>Member</i>
Celine Chang	<i>Secretary</i>	Julia Choi	<i>Member</i>	Nathan Han	<i>Member</i>
Matthias Kim	<i>SOA</i>	Jeanette Berga	<i>Member</i>	Zoey Rosen	<i>Member</i>
Leah Ho	<i>Historian</i>	Kaylee Cho	<i>Member</i>	Ananya Rege	<i>Member</i>
Kyeongmin Ra	<i>Historian</i>	Noah Johnson	<i>Member</i>	Ethan Lee	<i>Member</i>

During 2024-2025, eighteen (18) Youth Council members 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 2024 – 2025 PROGAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS:

Throughout the year, this diverse assembly of youth became a cohesive group, which began at their Annual Team Building Workshop on August 19, 2024. Each got the opportunity to get to know each other through leadership games and activities.

The Senior Events Committee: Aiming to foster greater connection and interactions between the youth and senior citizens of Torrance, the Youth Council organized and implemented Senior Tech Days, student-led events held on the first Saturday of every month at the Bartlett Senior Center beginning December of 2024. TYC members, along with student volunteers from various Torrance high schools, were paired up with senior citizens to help resolve issues or uncertainties related to technology. Senior citizens were able to bring their electronic devices and develop new skills under the guidance of high school students, whether this was learning how to download the latest update on their cell phones or getting a refresher course on how to utilize certain applications. In return, the students were able to

experience meaningful interactions with the senior citizen residents of Torrance. This recurring event was enjoyed by both demographics as it allowed them to socialize with each other monthly and contributed to creating a more tightly knit community.

In January 2025, the Torrance Youth Council Commission revived the Senior Talent Show, bringing together students from Torrance High Schools across the city to perform for older adults at the Bartlett Senior Center. This beloved program had been on pause since before the pandemic, and its return was a welcomed highlight for the senior community. The Commission looks forward to continuing the event and expanding it in the years to come.

Youth Forum: The Youth Forum is one of the key events hosted by the Youth Commission to promote civic engagement among young people in the community. This year, the event was held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at the ATTIC Teen Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. It brought together youth from across Torrance to raise their voices and discuss current events and issues that matter to them.

To kick things off, the committee invited a guest speaker, *Mindset Guy*, who delivered a motivational speech and set an energetic tone for the evening. Mayor Chen attended and offered a warm welcome to participants, followed by remarks from Councilmember Kalani, who praised the program's impact on teens.

Debate topics covered during the event included:

- "AI does more harm than good"
- "Can money buy happiness?"
- "Waffles or pancakes?"

The goal was to create a fun, relaxed atmosphere where teens felt comfortable speaking up, making connections, and gaining new perspectives.

The committee met prior to each regularly scheduled Commission meeting to plan the event—discussing logistics, choosing group topics, coordinating a guest speaker, and even selecting snacks.

ASB Bowl: The 2025 ASB Bowl was held on Thursday, April 24, at the ATTIC Teen Center, entirely run and facilitated by the ASB Bowl Committee of the Torrance Youth Council. During the ASB Bowl, ASB members from all four Torrance high schools and CAMS came to compete against each other's ASB in small games and activities. This year's ASB Bowl theme referenced the movie "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," and each school was assigned a candy color that closely resembled their school colors. For example, West High was Yellow, North High was blue, etc. The Youth Council started the event by introducing the Youth Council members to the attendees from all the schools and then presented them with a schedule of events for the night. Each school's ASB member dressed in their school colors as they competed in themed games from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The fun kicked off with a Word Guessing Game icebreaker, followed by a Scavenger Hunt where teams from each school solved riddles to find hidden Golden Tickets throughout the ATTIC Teen Center. Next came the Relay Game, in which five-member teams from each school had to unscramble letters earned by winning various activities. The night wrapped up with a Soda Guessing Game, where blindfolded participants tried to identify the brand and flavor of different sodas.

The Youth Council provided dinner from Lomeli's and refreshments for everyone in attendance, and they also kept score for each game, tallying the points at the end. After all the games and activities were completed, **Torrance High School** earned the most points and claimed victory once again, making them Back-to-Back Champions! As a prize, **Torrance High** students took home the ASB Bowl Perpetual Trophy.

Beat the Odds Scholarship: The scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors who attend a City of Torrance High School who demonstrated academic excellence and played a vital role in the community despite the obstacles they had to overcome. The youth council members, alongside a representative from the Library Commission, and the Commission on Aging, met to review each application on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. A total of sixteen applications were accepted from students attending Torrance High School, South High School, North High School, Cherry High School and West High School during this year's application process. During this year's discussion, three individuals were selected and awarded \$1,000 each for their strength, determination, and accomplishments. After applicants were notified of their acceptance, the TYC committee invited them to attend the award ceremony, which was held on Thursday, May 22, 2025. The winners received a plaque to honor their achievement during the ceremony after sharing their future endeavors with the attendees. The award ceremony was held at the ATTIC Teen Center and was decorated to match the theme of "Go Live Your Dream". The attendees were provided with dinner, desserts and light refreshments.

Happy to Chat / ATTIC Advisory/Little Free Library Committee: This committee is responsible for communicating with the ATTIC Advisory Committee (AAC) by attending their monthly meetings and noting what occurs while providing input to any decisions the committee may make. Additionally, committee members inform the rest of the TYC about upcoming events at the ATTIC Teen Center, along with advertising their events at their schools. Committee members are also responsible for monitoring the Happy to Chat Bench and the Little Free Library located at Hickory Park which aims to encourage conversations and connections between visitors. The 2024/2025 committee members visited the bench and library every two weeks to encourage participation from park patrons and ensure the library was stocked with books.

Publicity Committee: The publicity committee promoted events and opportunities that the Torrance Youth Council organized using various platforms. Whether through physical and digital flyers, social media posts on the Torrance Recreation Instagram account, or by notifying the college counselors and staff at their respective schools, the committee strived to bring about more awareness and participation among the youth of Torrance. In addition, the committee organized and prepared the annual TYC Yearbook that was then presented at the last commission meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.

CONCLUSION

The 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,

Alexis Choi, Chairperson
2024-2025 Youth Council