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**TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026
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, Klinenberg, Polcari and Chair Hsiao

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, January 22, 2026.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited up to a 30-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 2 minutes 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 Commission Minutes: November 17, 2025

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – ACCEPT AND FILE THE APPLICATION AND DESIGN RENDERING FOR THE DOUBLETREE BY HILTON TORRANCE MURAL

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager and Community Services Director that the Cultural Arts Commission

1. Accept and file the design rendering for the proposed public art mural at Doubletree by Hilton Torrance South Bay located at 21333 Hawthorne Boulevard, Torrance, CA Mural Application featuring Doger Players Ohtani, Yamamoto and Sasaki
2. Approve the artwork for recommendation to the City Council.

7B. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION OF TORRANCE PASSPORT BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission accept and file presentation of the Torrance Passport Project by Public Engagement Manager, Jin Chun.

7C. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – ACCEPT AND FILE CULTURAL SERVICES UPDATES

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission accept and file monthly updates for the Cultural Services Division.

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

- 9A.** Adjournment of the Cultural Arts Commission Meeting to Monday, February 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Conference Room.



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

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:01 PM on Monday, November 17, 2025, in the West Annex meeting room, 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner Duncan

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Monica Harte and Torrance Rose Float Association President Roseanne Villalobos.

2. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Polcari.

3. REPORT ON POSTING OF THE 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, November 13, 2025.

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

None

5. ORAL COMMUNICATION

Members of the public spoke.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: OCTOBER 20, 2025

MOTION: Commissioner Klinenberg moved to approve October 20, 2025 minutes as amended. Commissioner Candioly seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval. (Absent: Commissioner Duncan)

7. ADMISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – ACCEPT AND FILE THE TORRANCE ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION

Torrance Rose Float Association President Roseanne Villalobos introduced and presented the item.

Commissioners discussed and asked questions; Torrance Rose Float Association President Villalobos answered Commission's questions.

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to receive and file the Torrance Rose Float Association presentation. Commissioner Polcari seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval. (Absent: Commissioner Duncan)

7B. CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – ACCEPT AND FILE CULTURAL SERVICES UPDATES

Cultural Services Manager Harte introduced and presented the item.

MOTION: Commissioner Polcari moved to receive and file the Cultural Services Updates. Commissioner Cabrera seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval. (Absent: Commissioner Duncan)

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioners and staff provided final comments

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. MOTION: At 7:35 PM, Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, January 26, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the West Annex Conference Room, located at 3301 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503. Commissioner Carassco seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected 6-0 approval. (Absent: Commissioner Duncan)

For Commission Meeting
January 26, 2026

TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER

SUBJECT: Accept and File the application and design rendering for the Doubletree by Hilton Torrance mural.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager and Community Services Director that the Cultural Arts Commission accept and file the design rendering for the proposed public art mural at Doubletree by Hilton Torrance South Bay located at 21333 Hawthorne Boulevard, Torrance, CA and approve the artwork for recommendation to the City Council.

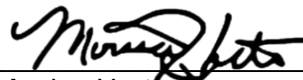
BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The City has received a public art mural application submitted by Linda Amato on behalf of DoubleTree by Hilton Torrance, a local hospitality business. The proposed mural will be installed on an exterior wall of the building located at 21333 Hawthorne Boulevard, Torrance. The exact placement on the wall is still to be determined.

The mural, designed by Los Angeles artist Robert Vargas (Vargaspresents.com), will feature Los Angeles Dodgers pitchers Shohei Ohtani, Yoshinobu Yamamoto, and Roki Sasaki. The artwork will depict the three athletes in dynamic pitching vignettes, spanning the length of the building façade in full color.

In November of 2024, the Torrance City Council adopted Ordinance #3941, which by Resolution implemented the City's Mural Policy. In accordance with Policy No. 4 Procedures 5.11, the Cultural Arts Commission is to consider recommending to the City Council that the submitted mural project is consistent with the purpose and goals of the public art program, is suitable for a general audience, adds character to the area and enhances the quality of the public spaces, does not conflict with the design of surrounding buildings or location, is appropriate for the location and public viewing and does not contain advertising or a business, product or service.

Respectfully submitted,



Monica Harte
Cultural Arts Manager

Attachments:

- 1) Mural Application
- 2) Artist Rendering

From: webmaster@torranceca.gov
To: [Cultural Services](#)
Subject: Torrance Arts & Venues: Mural Application
Date: Thursday, December 4, 2025 12:25:05 PM

A new entry to a form/survey has been submitted.

Form Name: Mural Application
Date & Time: 12/04/2025 12:24 PM
Response #: 2
Submitter ID: 71339
IP address: 167.187.101.222
Time to complete: 14 min. , 9 sec.

Survey Details

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All requirements listed below must be met or the application will be removed from consideration.

Application to be filled out by the Property Owner or by Property Manager/Representative with verifiable concurrence from Property Owner.

1. Name of person completing application:

Linda Amato

2. Company Name at proposed mural location:

Doubletree by Hilton Torrance South Bay

3. Company/business address, phone, website:

Address 21333 Hawthorne Blvd
Phone number (310) 765-4409
Website www.hilton.com

4. Name and address of Property owner(s) who guarantees financial responsibility for the mural and mural upkeep:

Name CTC Group
Address 21333 Hawthorne Blvd Torrance CA 90503

5. Property owner or liaison email address:

linda.amato@hilton.com

6. Property owner or liaison phone and extension:

(310) 765-4409

7. Exact location for the mural:

21333 Hawthorne Blvd/side of building to be determined

8. Name of the Artist(s):

Robert Vargas

9. Artist(s) email, phone, and website:

Name	Robert Vargas
Phone number	(310) 702-6131
Website	Robert@vargasresents.com

10. Title of mural being proposed, if available:

Ohtani

11. A concept drawing that shows a sketch of the proposed mural. Include the dimensions of the mural and approximate location on the structure for the proposed mural. A digital rendering of the proposed mural and a depiction of placement on the structure is recommended.

[ohtani.jpg](#)

12. If property is sub-leased, provide confirmation of sub-lessee(s) awareness of proposed mural

13. Provide business names and contacts for subject property sub-lessees, as applicable

Name	NA
Phone Number	Not answered
Name	Not answered
Phone number	Not answered

14. Artist's other murals or artworks

15. How did you learn about the mural program?

City of Torrance
Discover Torrance

16. Written acknowledgement from the artist of the following (include/upload with application):

- a. Artist confirms that the mural design is their original artwork, and**
- b. Artist agrees that mural will automatically become the property of the business owner with no compensation from the City of Torrance, and**
- c. Artist acknowledges that the City has no obligation to keep confidential any submissions made to the City.**

(o) Not Included

17. Please attach the written acknowledgement from the artist as referenced in Question 16, if available.

18. Property owner agrees the City of Torrance may use or redistribute submissions made to the City and their contents for any purpose and in any way and that there is no obligation for the City of Torrance to review a submission.

(o) No

19. Business Owner DISCLAIMER

a. I have read the attached information and agree to the rules & regulations stated. The undersigned agrees to indemnify and hold harmless, the City of Torrance, Its Council, Officers, Boards, Commissions, Agents, associated Foundations and Employees for any loss or liability which results or is alleged to have resulted from my participation in this event, including any claim arising out of the applicants entry, acts, or omissions in said contest or any accident, injury or damage involved therein, including but not limited to attorney fees and court costs. I have read and fully understand these policies. I am an adult and my signature is below.

Linda Amato

Thank you,
Torrance Arts & Venues

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For Commission Meeting
January 26, 2026

TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURALSERVICES MANAGER

**SUBJECT: CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER – ACCEPT AND FILE PRESENTATION
OF TORRANCE PASSPORT BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Cultural Services Manager that the Cultural Arts Commission accept and file presentation of the Torrance Passport project by Public Engagement Manager, Jin Chun.

Respectfully submitted,



Monica Harte
Cultural Services Manager

TO: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: MONICA HARTE, CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER

SUBJECT: ACCEPT AND FILE CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION UPDATES

RECOMMENDATION

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

- The **Torrance Theatre Company's** (TTC) production of **The Cottage** by American playwright, Sandy Rustin, opens February 7, 2026. The production, directed by Cary Jordahl, is nearly sold out. Tickets are available at TorranceTheatreCompany.com.

TTC also announced **Frozen** as the 2026 summer musical, opening in August. Tickets are now available online at TorranceTheatreCompany.com/Frozen.

- The **Torrance Art Museum** (TAM) opened **Defending Ethical Integrity: the New Degenerate Art** on January 10, 2026. The exhibition represents both a rebellion and a celebration of fearless self-expression.

Gallery Two features **Nine Visions X Nine Artists**. Each of the artists has been invited by an art organization in the Southern California region. TAM, located at 3320 Civic Center Drive, is always free of charge.

- The **City Academy of the Arts – Torrance** opened classes for the Winter Session January 12, 2026. Winter Session has 114 classes currently running.
- The **Torrance Rose Float Association** won the Princess Award for most outstanding floral presentation among entries 35 feet and under in length. The Celebration Dinner will be held January 31, 2026.
- The **Torrance Sister City Association** is preparing for the annual Bunka Sai Festival which will be held April 17-19, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



Monica Harte
Cultural Services Manager

Attachment:

- 1) TTC – The Cottage
- 2) TTC – Frozen
- 3) TAM – DEI Exhibit
- 4) TRFA – Float Design
- 5) TSCA – Bunka Sai Flyer

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WRITTEN BY **SANDY RUSTIN**
DIRECTED BY **CARY JORDAHL**

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AUGUST 8-23, 2026

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Quantities are limited per performance.*



Defending Ethical Integrity

THE NEW DEGENERATE ART

January 10 - February 21

Defending Ethical Integrity

THE NEW DEGENERATE ART

Artists: AMBOS Project, Polly Borland, Cassils, Robert Andy Coombs, Hugo Crosthwaite
Jay Lynn Gomez, Ken Gonzales-Day, Forrest Kirk, Laurie Lipton, Elana Mann
Narciso Martinez, Patrick Martinez, Paul McCarthy, Dakota Noot, Zak Smith
Nadya Tolokonnikova / Pussy Riot, Steven Wolkoff

Curated in collaboration with Jenny Hager, Ty Pownall, and Steven Wolkoff.

Nine Visions X Nine Artists MRHFundforArtists

Artists: Weshoyot Alvitre, Patricia Fernández, Leopoldo Peña, Victor Reyes
LaRissa Rogers, Ethan Stern, Cedric Tai, Joan Takayama-Ogawa, Leila Youssefi

Opening Reception: Sat, Jan 10, 2026 | 6-9 PM

On View: Jan 10 - Feb 21, 2026



OPERATING HOURS: Tues - Sat 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
3320 Civic Center Drive, Torrance, CA 90503
www.TorranceArtMuseum.com T: 310.618.6388
Always FREE | Hours and programs subject to change

Torrance Art Museum is the premier space to view contemporary art in the South Bay. It is a program of the Cultural Services Division of the Community Services Department. Creating and enriching community through people, programs and partnerships.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE
Torrance Rose Float Association
2026 Celebration Dinner



*Join us as we honor the decorators, donors, and supporters
of the 2025- 2026 Torrance Rose Float Association*

Saturday, January 31, 2026 from 5:30 - 9:30 pm

**Torrance Cultural Arts Center-Toyota Meeting Hall
3330 Civic Center Drive, Torrance, CA 90503**

\$30 per person

DINNER CATERED BY LOMELI'S

*Buffet Includes: Mostaccioli with meat sauce, Vegetarian Lasagna, Meatballs with Pasta,
Vegetable and Antipasto Salads, Garlic Bread; Coffee and Iced Tea*

Send check payable to T.R.F.A. by January 31, 2025 to:

Torrance Rose Float Association Celebration Dinner
4733 Torrance Blvd. #234, Torrance, CA 90503

or

Please RSVP online at: www.TorranceRoseFloat.org

All reservations are held at the door; no tickets will be mailed.



51st Annual Bunka-Sai

Japanese Cultural Festival

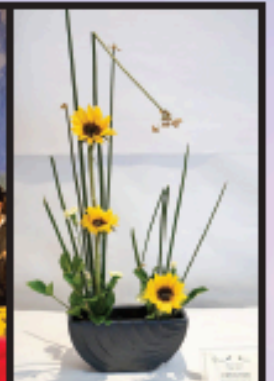
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April 18 and 19, 2026

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