



CITY OF TORRANCE



LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM 2025

About this Legislative Platform

The City of Torrance's Legislative Platform is a vital tool crafted to enhance City Staff's effectiveness in advancing the City Council's strategic vision and leadership. The platform functions as a reference guide for a targeted advocacy strategy, outlining legislative positions and objectives to protect and enhance the interests of Torrance's residents and businesses.

The 2024 Legislative Platform serves as a framework to guide the City of Torrance's regional, state, and federal legislative priorities by:

- **Streamlining Staff Actions:** Respond swiftly to legislation, policy, or funding opportunities that impact Torrance.
- **Legislation Advocacy:** Proactively advocate for federal, state, and regional legislation, regulations, and funding that align with our Platform's priorities, and oppose any proposals that conflict with the City's strategic objectives.
- **Making Timely and Impactful Policy Contributions:** Craft persuasive position letters and resolutions to effectively support, contest, or negotiate on critical legislation, regulations, and funding issues promptly.
- **Meaningfully Engaging with Key Officials:** Establish ongoing, strategic interactions with elected officials, regulatory bodies, and stakeholders to actively advance Torrance's legislative priorities and secure crucial funding. This includes actively involving elected officials and stakeholders in City-hosted events to strengthen community connections.
- **Ensuring Transparency:** Commit to transparency by openly sharing the Legislative Platform and updates and by proactively communicating our advocacy efforts and their outcomes to the community.

Our Mission

The mission of the City of Torrance is to encourage and respond to community participation as we provide for an attractive, clean, safe, secure and enriching environment that assures a high quality of life. We evaluate and act on the needs of the community within a complex, changing environment. We provide quality service with integrity, professionalism and accountability in an efficient, cost-effective manner.

Our Vision

Our vision for Torrance is of a premier City thriving in a global community while building on the past, taking action in the present, and pursuing a dynamic future. Our steadfast commitment is to a future where we realize pride of shared purpose and a sense of community with personal responsibility and respect for all. It will be a place where people enjoy an enriched quality of life, sharing a sense of belonging.



Our Values

- Show compassion and respect for one and all
- Practice honesty and integrity
- Strengthen and maintain public trust
- Adhere to the highest ethical standards
- Be responsive and transparent
- Be responsible and accountable for our actions
- Encourage creativity and innovation
- Recognize the benefits of diversity and inclusion
- Foster community pride and excellence
- Care for, conserve, and protect our environment



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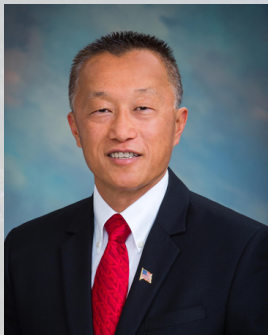
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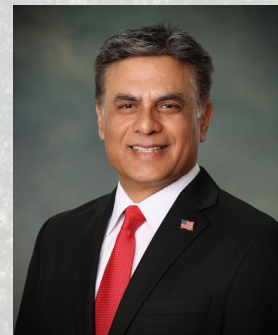
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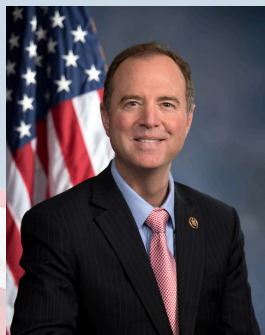
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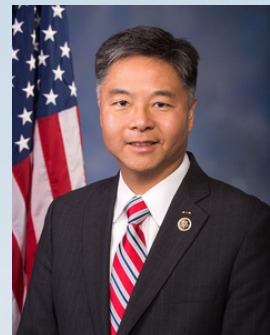
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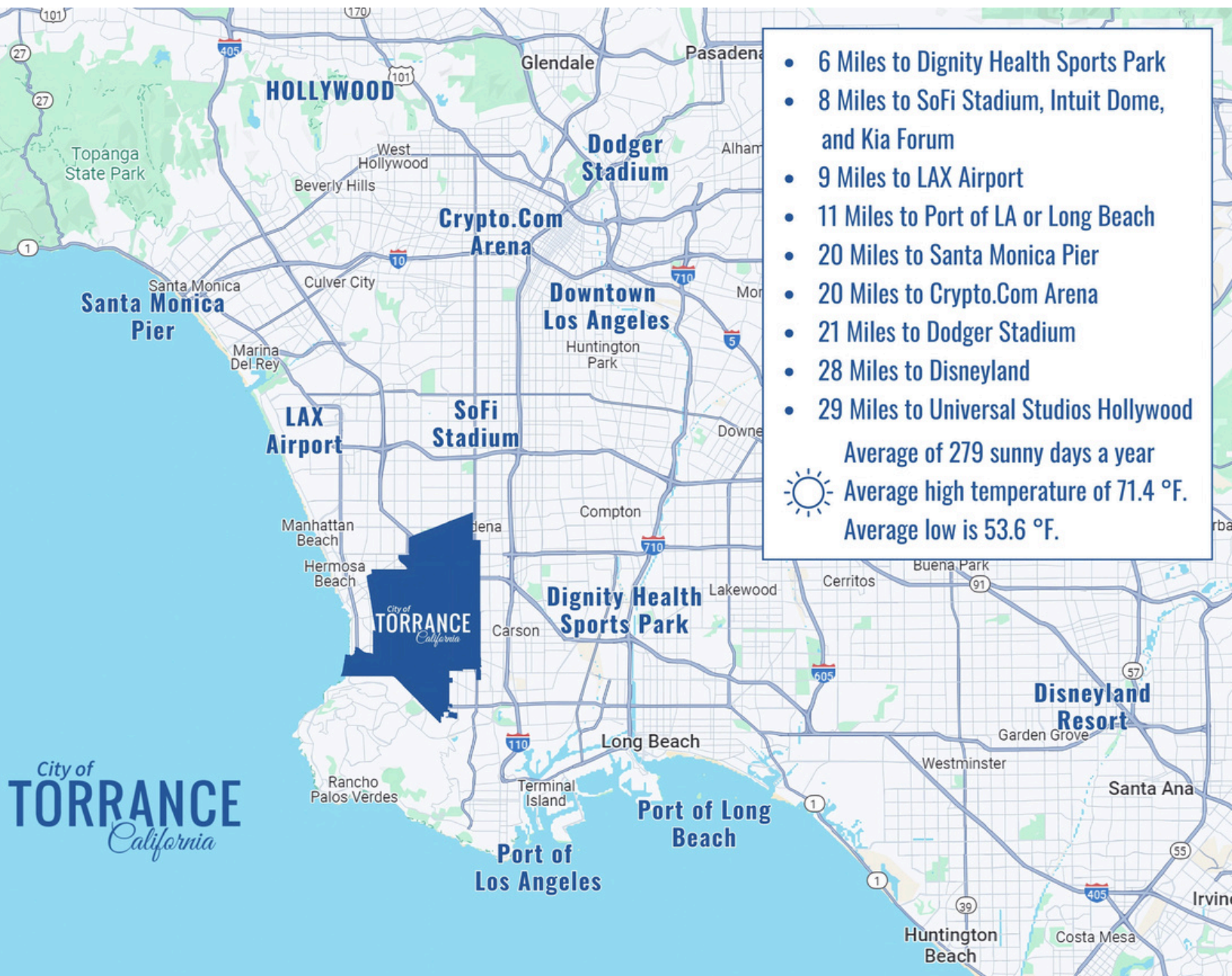


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Area and Location

Torrance covers roughly 21 square miles (12,312 acres) and is situated in south western Los Angeles County, bounded by the Pacific Ocean on the west. Torrance has 1.5 miles of lifeguard-patrolled beach, bath-house facilities and public parking. It also has 550 miles of sidewalks.



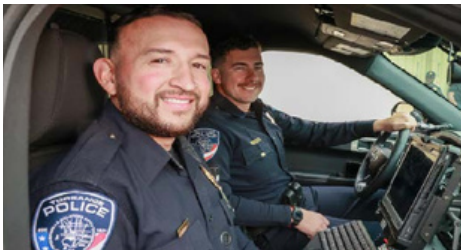
Priority Projects



Public Safety Digital Infrastructure Modernization (Funding)

The recent completion of the Torrance PD Real Time Response Center (RTRC) has demonstrated the effective use of technology in responding to incidents and facilitating investigations. In order to provide constant city camera coverage, the city also needs to expand the necessary connectivity infrastructure. The 5 additional Citizen Broadband Radio System (CBRS) sites on City assets would provide expanded, dedicated network coverage across the city and allow for the additional 100 expanded camera installations to effectively connect and communicate with the RTRC. This priority project seeks \$2.0 million to effectively implement the additional CBRS sites and camera infrastructure feeds to the RTRC.

Torrance Police Mobile Data Computer Modernization Project (Funding)



The Torrance Police Department's Mobile Data Computers (MDCs), essential for daily operations in the city, have surpassed their useful life and no longer meet federal Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) compliance standards. In an effort to ensure the City leverages the latest technology in alignment with 21st century policing, the goal is to replace all of this equipment to eliminate gaps in public service. This priority project seeks \$700,000 to replace the outdated devices within the Torrance Police Department.

Torrance Civic Center Aquatic Center (Funding)



The City is seeking \$3 million in funding for the planning, design, and construction of a new Civic Center Aquatic Center. This modern aquatic facility will serve as a vital regional resource, offering multi-faceted public programming, including recreational swimming, competitive aquatic sports, and fitness activities. The new center will enhance access to water safety education and promote health and wellness for residents of all ages. Funding support will enable the City to advance this critical project, providing a state-of-the-art aquatic hub that meets the evolving needs of the Torrance community and acts as a regional resource.

Priority Projects



Community Wellness Project (ADA) (Funding)

The City is undertaking a comprehensive, multi-year Capital Improvement Plan to enhance and prioritize the development of city facilities and its 33 parks. As part of this initiative, a key goal is to improve accessibility across all locations by updating American with Disability Act (ADA) compliance standards. This includes replacing sand and engineered wood fiber chips with rubberized surfaces in select play areas. This high-priority project seeks \$3.0 million in funding to implement these accessibility improvements at 6 of the 30 City parks identified for upgrades under the plan.



Columbia Park Water Resiliency Project Phase 3 (Funding)

Columbia Park, home to AYSO Region 15 youth soccer leagues, is undergoing a major transformation to combat ongoing drought conditions and enhance recreational opportunities for the community. As part of a comprehensive revitalization plan, the park will be redeveloped in three phases, including the development of a state-of-the-art, year-round sports complex. This priority project seeks \$2.25 million in funding to install artificial turf soccer fields, a critical step in advancing water conservation efforts in the drought-stricken Los Angeles Basin while providing a sustainable, high-quality playing surface for year-round community use.

World War II (WWII) Camp Wall Monument Project

The City of Torrance, home to one of the largest populations of Japanese people living outside of Japan, will create a monument memorializing Americans held at internment camps during WWII. The memorial will be located at Columbia Park and will feature a triangular plaza, 12 black granite walls, a 25-foot flagpole, and educational display panels. The project began as a grassroots initiative led by Kanji Sahara and the World War II Camp Wall non-profit. Currently, a five-member subcommittee is working on finalizing the design, and the City is actively advocating for national monument designation and additional funding to support this vital project. With groundbreaking scheduled for late summer 2025 and completion by 2026, the memorial will serve as an enduring educational resource, ensuring future generations understand this painful chapter in U.S. history and the need to prevent such injustices from recurring.



State Legislation

Focus Areas



Torrance Civic Center (Legislation)

The City of Torrance is currently in progress to develop a Civic Center Master Plan that will serve as the guiding document for redevelopment of the campus. The City is interested in acquiring the Traffic Courthouse Annex portion of the State Courthouse property located within the Civic Center Campus. The City would work with the State Legislature to obtain first right of refusal legislation allowing for the acquisition of the State Traffic Court Annex property.

Alternative Energy Independence Funding (Letter of Support)

The Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) Regulation is the latest development in the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) increasingly stringent emissions standards. As a result of this recent legislation, the City has already begun the process of procuring vehicles in compliance with these regulations, which requires the purchase of additional zero-emission vehicles. Zero-emission vehicles can be satisfied through electric and hydrogen options to comply with these regulations. The City has projects underway with Southern California Edison's (SCE) Charge Ready program to expand electric charging infrastructure at the Civic Center and City Yard. While this program assists the City with SCE funded infrastructure leading up to the charger, it is still incumbent on the City to purchase and install the chargers themselves. This priority effort will seek legislative support to apply for charging infrastructure grant programs.



Vehicle Code Amendment (Legislation)

Metro was successful in lobbying to legislation (AB917), which enables automated license plate reader (ALPR) as evidence for parking violation in their restricted bus only lanes. If the state legislature were to expand the applicability of this to include all municipal vehicles for the purposes of issuing parking violations, this would enable the City to improve compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements under the City's Street Sweeping Program. This priority effort would include the City lobbying for legislation to update the vehicle code allowing for digital parking violation enforcement by way of cameras on City vehicles

Legislative Priorities

1. Appearance, Character, and Quality of the Community

SUPPORT

- **Funding to Enhance Public Spaces** - Actively pursue funding to upgrade and improve public spaces such as parks, recreational areas, and non-traditional park spaces (such as plazas, paseos, and parklets) to foster community engagement and enhance overall well-being.
- **Innovative Community Planning** - Advocate for funding for creative community planning and design initiatives to promote sustainable and vibrant environments that reflect the city's evolving needs.
- **Outdoor Recreational Opportunities** - Lead in expanding and maintaining top-tier outdoor recreational opportunities, recognizing that such initiatives enhance community well-being, foster social connections, and improve public health by providing accessible, high-quality physical activity and leisure spaces.
- **Historic Preservation Grants** - Champion increased grants dedicated to preserving and restoring historic buildings and landmarks to protect our city's historic character and cultural heritage for future generations.
- **Preservation of Open Space and Parks** - Support funding for acquiring, developing, and rehabilitating parks, recreation facilities, and open spaces, including cooperating with neighboring communities to preserve open space resources important to residents.



- **Grants for Vibrant Community Art Programs** - Support grants that fund public art projects and programming that enrich our cultural landscape and enhance the aesthetic vibrancy of public spaces, contributing to a more engaging community environment. Actively endorse programs that offer increased funding opportunities and incorporate art, culture, and the City's rich historical elements into public spaces.

OPPOSE

- **Mandates on City Planning** - Oppose proposals that inhibit the City's ability to create and implement planning strategies that reflect our specific goals and community needs.
- **Loss of Essential Community Resources** - Oppose efforts to decrease funding or impose stricter eligibility criteria on local governments regarding resources allocated for parks, urban greening, and open spaces. Support the City's dedication to safeguarding and improving these critical assets that enhance residents' well-being and overall quality of life.



2. Communication and Civic Involvement

SUPPORT

- **Transparent Public Communication** - Support legislation encouraging transparency in local government communications, ensuring that all city decisions, data, and policies are readily accessible and understandable to every resident.
- **Active Community Participation in Government** - Champion measures that institutionalize participatory government practices (e.g., public consultations, community forums, and interactive platforms), fostering civic engagement and community-driven policy development.
- **Empowerment of Veterans, Seniors, and Individuals with Disabilities** - Support initiatives that ensure the active inclusion of veterans, seniors, and individuals with disabilities in civic life by providing targeted resources, accessible services, and opportunities for meaningful participation, thereby enriching community engagement and ensuring that all voices are heard and valued.
- **Investment in Youth Civic Leadership Programs** - Support funding to establish and expand youth civic leadership programs that prepare the next generation of leaders with critical knowledge and skills about local government operations and civic responsibilities.
- **Programs for Multicultural Community Engagement** - Champion programs designed to enhance engagement with multicultural communities, ensuring that diverse cultural perspectives are integrated into local governance and that all community members have equal opportunities to participate in civic processes.
- **Digital Literacy Programs** - Advocate for investments in digital literacy programs to ensure all residents can access and utilize online civic resources effectively, bridging the digital divide and fostering inclusive civic government processes.





OPPOSE

- **Decreased Local Representation in Decision-Making Bodies** - Resist efforts that seek to curtail the involvement of local governments in regional commissions, task forces, or boards overseeing natural resources, air quality, utility, energy, water, and waste disposal. Champion strong local representation to ensure regional and environmental issues are managed effectively.

3. Economic Development

SUPPORT

- **Business Attraction and Retention** - Advocate for programs that drive growth, create jobs, and support emerging industries through tax credits, workforce development, and infrastructure improvements. Prioritize policies that enhance resilience and position the economy as an ideal environment for investment and business retention.
- **Funding for Business Incubators and Accelerators** - Advocate for state and federal funds dedicated to establishing and expanding business incubators and accelerators, which provide essential resources and support for startups and innovative ventures.
- **Affordable Workforce Housing** - Advocate for state and federal policies that promote affordable housing development near key employment centers, reducing commute times and supporting a stable, local workforce.
- **Comprehensive Financial Recovery Programs** - Support strong financial recovery programs that assist residents, small businesses, and job seekers. Emphasize programs that effectively tackle the various economic hurdles impacting the local population.

- **Stimulating the Local Economy** - Collaborate with state agencies to provide targeted support for key local industries, such as aerospace, manufacturing, and technology, to ensure continued economic growth and job creation.
- **Investment in Green Business Initiatives** - Promote federal and state regulations that provide incentives for businesses to support a green economy, adopt sustainable practices, and reduce environmental impact.



OPPOSE

- **Preemption of Local Authority** - Oppose policies that preempt local authority over land use, zoning, and rights-of-way decision-making.
- **External Oversight on Development Regulations** - Oppose land use mandates and controls by state and federal governments. Resist legislation that attempts to transfer zoning, parking, or development regulations away from local decision-making. Support the preservation of local control to guarantee that development is consistent with the City's vision and protects community well-being.
- **Obstacles to Small Businesses Success** - Oppose burdensome regulatory barriers unnecessarily impeding small businesses from entering the market or hindering their competitiveness. Streamlining regulations and reducing bureaucratic obstacles are critical steps to fostering a vibrant entrepreneurial environment, encouraging innovation, and enabling small businesses to thrive, catalyzing economic growth and job creation.



4. Education, Diversity and Enrichment

SUPPORT

- **Support for K-12 and Higher Education -** Advocate for funding and policies that enhance educational opportunities, including support for local schools, career and technical education programs, and partnerships with higher education institutions.
- **Support for Senior Citizen Enrichment and Education -** Support legislation that ensures that senior citizens have access to essential community enrichment and educational programs.
- **STEAM Education Investment -** Support increased funding for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) education initiatives in Torrance schools to prepare students for future workforce demands, recognizing that creativity and innovation are crucial in scientific and technical fields.
- **Expanded Access to Early Childhood Education -** Support initiatives that increase funding and accessibility to high-quality early childhood education programs, ensuring all children in Torrance have a strong foundation for academic success.
- **Access to Digital Tools -** Support legislation that ensures students have the essential educational tools and technological resources needed to prepare for higher education or the modern workforce. Endorse measures to expand broadband access in underserved areas to bridge the digital divide and provide equal opportunities for all students.
- **Support for Workforce Development -** Support funding and programs for education and workforce development.





OPPOSE

- **Reductions in Education Funding** - Oppose cuts to state and federal education funding that jeopardize the quality of education and support services available to students in Torrance schools.
- **Oppose Cuts to the National School Lunch Program** - Strongly oppose reductions to the National School Lunch Program, which provides free or low-cost lunches to children in public and nonprofit private schools and residential childcare institutions.
- **Weakening of Workforce Training Programs** - Resist efforts to decrease or abolish critical workforce development programs, such as the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, YouthBuild, and Job Corps. Oppose actions that dismantle programs aimed at developing a highly skilled workforce, which is crucial for sustainable economic growth and maintaining competitiveness.

5. Housing

SUPPORT

- **Local Control in Housing Management** - Endorse initiatives to preserve local control, ensuring flexibility to meet the distinct needs of residents. Promote measures that allow the City to design customized approaches to housing that address the specific concerns and goals of the community.
- **Innovative Affordable and Mixed-Income Housing** - Advocate for significant funding and legislative incentives to promote the development of affordable and mixed-income housing projects while streamlining the permitting process. These initiatives are crucial for creating diverse housing options that cater to various income levels, ensuring inclusivity and accessibility within the community.
- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding** - Support sustained and increased funding for the CDBG federal program, which is vital for community development, affordable housing, and essential public services. Ensuring robust support for this program helps meet local needs, supports low- and moderate-income residents, and enhances the overall quality of life in our community.
- **Investment in Public Transit-Oriented Development** - Endorse funding for transit-oriented development projects that integrate affordable housing near public transportation hubs. These projects are key to reducing commuting times and environmental impact, while also enhancing access to essential services for residents.

- **Comprehensive Homelessness Prevention and Support** - Advocate for increased funding for programs that provide comprehensive support services alongside housing solutions. These initiatives should prioritize mental health support, substance abuse treatment, job training, and healthcare, addressing the root causes of homelessness and helping vulnerable populations achieve stability and self-sufficiency in our community.
- **Inclusive and Sustainable Housing Initiatives** - Support policies and funding for affordable housing that caters to seniors and individuals with disabilities, ensuring equitable access to suitable living options. Additionally, advocate for stringent green building standards that promote energy efficiency and environmental stewardship in housing developments.



OPPOSE

- **Erosion of Local Land Use Authority** - Firmly oppose attempts to weaken or override local decision-making over land use decisions. Advocate strongly for maintaining local control over land use to ensure that development aligns with the community's unique character and needs.
- **Tenant Rights Rollbacks** - Oppose legislative efforts to reduce tenant protections which would lead to increased housing instability and unfair practices in the rental market.
- **Unfunded Housing and Zoning Mandates** - Reject mandates without accompanying funding, especially in areas related to housing, zoning, land management, and cost regulation. Promote fair resource allocation to ensure that local projects are supported without placing undue financial strain on the City.



VI. Infrastructure

SUPPORT

- **Funding for Transportation and Infrastructure Projects** - Advocate for increased funding and broadened eligibility for essential infrastructure projects, including road maintenance, public transit expansion, traffic congestion relief, and state-of-good-repair projects. Ensure wider access to resources for the City's development and maintenance.
- **Sustainability and Renewable Energy Initiatives** - Champion funding for renewable energy projects and sustainable transportation options, including EV infrastructure, bicycle lanes, pedestrian pathways, and green infrastructure. Advocate for initiatives that reduce the city's carbon footprint through electrification and sustainability efforts, leveraging tax credits and financial incentives from the Inflation Reduction Act to maximize investment and accelerate implementation.
- **Goods Movement, Port, and Water Infrastructure** - Collaborate with state agencies to improve the efficiency and capacity of goods movement infrastructure, benefiting the Port of Los Angeles and surrounding networks. Advocate for increased funding to modernize and expand Torrance's drinking and wastewater infrastructure, ensuring safe and reliable water access.
- **Investing in Infrastructure Resilience and Cybersecurity** - Advocate for robust investments in hazard mitigation and cybersecurity resilience for critical infrastructure. Support FEMA and CISA funding for seismic retrofitting, wildfire hardening, flood mitigation, and enhanced cybersecurity to protect against natural disasters and digital threats.
- **Reduced Energy and Utility Rates for Low-Income Residents** - Advocate for programs that provide reduced energy and utility rates for low-income residents through rebates or subsidies. Support increased funding for these initiatives to ensure affordability and improve the quality of life for vulnerable populations.
- **Investing in Hazard Mitigation** - Advocate for robust investments in infrastructure resilience, including Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hazard mitigation funding, to safeguard against natural disasters, including seismic retrofitting, wildfire hardening, and flood mitigation measures.
- **Enhancing Cybersecurity for Infrastructure** - Advocate for robust investments in enhancing the cybersecurity resilience of critical infrastructure to protect against emerging digital threats. Support funding and programming from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and FEMA to strengthen our defenses, implement advanced security measures, and ensure rapid response capabilities.



OPPOSE

- **Reductions in Water Conservation Funding** - Oppose any cuts to funding for water conservation programs, which are essential for sustainable water management in a changing climate.
- **Erosion of Broadband Infrastructure Funding** - Oppose any cuts to funding for broadband infrastructure, which is vital for education, healthcare, and economic development in the digital age.
- **Oppose Cost Pass-Through and Protect Rate Authority** - Strongly oppose measures that allow utilities to shift costs to ratepayers, especially when they impact vulnerable populations, and defend the City's right to set rates independently to ensure equitable pricing and community well-being.

7. Mobility

SUPPORT

- **Enhancing Regional Transportation Connectivity** - Collaborate with federal, state, and regional partners to identify commuter rail station options that link the City to the broader regional transportation network. Aim to create a seamless and integrated regional transit system through these efforts, and advocate for additional funding to meet local transportation and transit needs.
- **Local Government Flexibility in Transportation Planning and Airport Use** - Support policies allowing local governments flexibility in transportation planning. Support local governments' authority to regulate airport use, including decisions about airport facilities, noise, and access restrictions.
- **Funding for Sustainable Transportation Projects** - Dedicate efforts on securing funding for sustainable transportation projects that improve access to public transit, reduce single-driver trips, and lower overall vehicle usage. Champion funding for the development of eco-friendly transportation options, such as electric buses and green infrastructure, to help lower greenhouse gas emissions and to promote environmental stewardship.
- **Investment in Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure** - Advocate for comprehensive investment in cycling and pedestrian infrastructure to promote safe and sustainable transportation options. This includes developing dedicated bike lanes, bike-sharing programs, secure bike parking, and enhancing pedestrian walkways with better lighting and accessible design.

- **Advancing Safe and Integrated Transportation Solutions** - Support policies that enhance safety and mobility, promote reliable transit services, and prioritize transportation system upgrades to roads, bridges, airports, rail transit, paratransit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Encourage multi-modal and active transportation options, and advocate for funding to develop transportation hubs that integrate different transit modes, such as buses, trains, and bike-sharing, for seamless travel experiences.





OPPOSE

- **Cuts to Public Transit Funding** - Oppose any reductions in funding for public transit services, which can lead to reduced service frequency, higher fares, and decreased accessibility for residents. Resist policies that undermine or contradict the City's efforts to improve mobility and transportation.
- **Transportation Policies Impacting Environmental Quality** - Oppose transportation policies that contribute to or fail to reduce pollution, including air, water, noise, and visual pollution. Advocate for policies that prioritize environmental protection and work to minimize these negative impacts.
- **Infringement of Local Authority Over Airport Regulation** - Oppose any policies that undermine local governments' authority to regulate airport use or exclude them from decision-making processes regarding airport operations. Resist efforts to limit the ability of local governments to determine the necessary scope and type of airport facilities, as well as to impose restrictions on airport noise and access within their jurisdictions.

8. Reliable Revenue Base and Effective Asset Management

SUPPORT

- **Efforts to Secure Grants and Directed Funding** - Encourage committed actions to obtain federal, state, and private funding through grants and congressional directed spending to enhance financial resources for municipal initiatives and services. Emphasize safeguarding and expanding financial resources accessible to local governments, such as tax income, block grants, and formula-based distributions, to empower the City in meeting its local needs and objectives.
- **Sustainable Fiscal Policies and Financial Security** - Support state policies that promote fiscal sustainability for local governments, including pension reform, revenue diversification, and equitable distribution of state resources. Advocate for laws that prevent local government revenue from being redirected to state operations, ensuring a stable and sustainable financing structure for municipal services and infrastructure.

OPPOSE

- **State-Imposed Financial Burdens on Local Governments** - Resist any delays in reimbursements for state-mandated programs. Oppose financial policies that weaken local governments' ability to address economic needs and reduce their revenue streams.
- **Restrictions on Business Growth Incentives** - Oppose restrictions on business growth incentives that could deter new businesses from establishing in the city and reduce potential tax revenue.



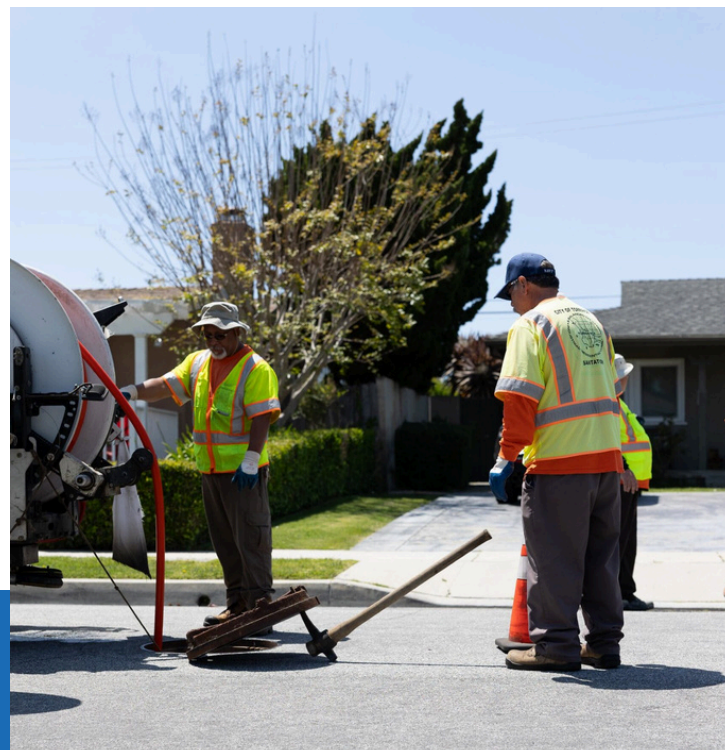
9. Responsive, Accountable, and Cost-Effective Government

SUPPORT

- **Preservation of Local Control** - Advocate for legislation that protects the city's autonomy in governing locally, including land use decisions, budgetary management, and policy development. Emphasize the importance of local governance in creating tailored solutions that address the specific needs and challenges of the community.
- **Promoting Integrity and Accountability in Government** - Support and advocate for strong ethical standards and accountability measures in government. This includes promoting fair elections, transparency, and integrity in the behavior of public leaders to maintain and build public trust.
- **Legislative Measures for Procurement Reform** - Endorse procurement reform legislation to streamline purchasing processes, reduce costs, and ensure fair competition.
- **Open Data Initiatives** - Endorse funding for open government initiatives, including open data programs, transparent decision-making processes, and accessible public records. These efforts should enhance transparency, foster trust, and empower residents to hold the government accountable.

OPPOSE

- **Encroachment on Local Governance Autonomy** - Oppose any legislation or policies that diminish local governance authority or threaten the City's autonomy in decision-making to ensure it can effectively respond to local needs.
- **Unfunded Mandates** - Oppose unfunded mandates from state or federal governments that impose financial burdens on the city without providing corresponding funding.



10. Safe, Secure, and Equitable Community

SUPPORT

- **Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response** - Advocate for increased state funding for disaster preparedness and response initiatives, including emergency communication systems, fire prevention programs, and community resilience projects. Emphasize the coordination of public safety communications between agencies and all levels of government to ensure effective crisis response and swift recovery.
- **Comprehensive Public Safety Programs** - Advocate for increased funding and coordinated strategies to address a wide range of public safety issues, including theft, vandalism, and other criminal activities. This should involve enhancing crime prevention programs, law enforcement training, victim support services, community resilience projects, and measures that protect businesses and reduce crime in commercial areas.
- **Counter-Illicit Drug Use Programs** - Advocate for increased funding and comprehensive strategies to combat illicit drug use, including prevention, treatment, and enforcement. This should involve expanding access to addiction treatment, enhancing community education, and improving collaboration between law enforcement and public health agencies to reduce substance abuse effectively.

- **21st Century Policing Initiatives** - Advocate for continued investment in 21st-century policing practices, ensuring our community remains a national leader in modern, community-focused law enforcement that leverages technology to enhance transparency, accountability, and collaboration with residents in the interest of public safety.
- **Anti-Discrimination Policies** - Endorse legislation and funding for programs that actively combat discrimination and promote equity and inclusion in all aspects of community life. Prioritize creating an environment where all residents are treated fairly and respectfully.



OPPOSE

- **Limitations on Local Control Over Public Safety Measures** - Oppose any state or federal efforts to impose top-down regulations that limit Torrance's ability to tailor public safety measures to local needs and priorities.
- **Protecting Local Budgets from Unfunded Mandates** - Oppose federal, state, or county mandates related to infractions, violations, or crimes that shift the financial burden or responsibility to the City without providing necessary funding. Oppose policies that protect the City's budget from undue financial responsibility.
- **Reductions in Victim Support Services** - Oppose any cuts to funding for victim support services, including domestic violence shelters and counseling programs.
- **Erosion of Local Control Over Traffic and Roadway Decisions** - Oppose efforts to diminish or bypass local control over roadways and traffic flow. Resist attempts to weaken or circumvent local authority over roadways and traffic management.



11. Stewardship of the Environment

SUPPORT

- **Comprehensive Environmental Standards**
- Support policies that improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote clean water and zero-emissions technology, while ensuring strong local input. Advocate for holistic solutions that focus on environmental protection and involve the community in decision-making, including climate resilience projects and renewable energy development.
- **Climate Resilience Planning** - Advocate for substantial investments in climate resilience planning to protect the community from the impacts of sea-level rise, extreme weather, and other climate-related challenges. Support the development of comprehensive climate action plans to ensure long-term sustainability.
- **Sustainable Waste Management** - Promote the expansion and enhancement of recycling programs to increase waste diversion and reduce landfill dependency. Encourage the development of a circular economy within the community by improving recycling efforts.
- **Community Engagement in Environmental Stewardship** - Advocate for funding and support for environmental education programs to raise awareness about sustainability and conservation. Promote community-led projects like clean-up events and tree-planting to foster grassroots environmental stewardship.
- **Land Conservation and Sustainable Building Practices** - Endorse funding and policies that protect open spaces and prevent urban sprawl while promoting sustainable building practices. Support initiatives that minimize ecological footprints and encourage environmentally friendly construction with minimal delays.
- **Water Conservation and Quality** – Support state efforts to address water scarcity through conservation measures, infrastructure improvements, and policies that ensure a reliable and sustainable water supply. Advocate for increased funding and regulatory measures to address contaminants like PFAS in drinking water, and support Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) initiatives that hold producers accountable for their environmental impacts, fostering sustainability and collective responsibility.
- **Support for Green Infrastructure** - Advocate for measures that help local governments transition their fleets to electric or alternative fuels and develop the necessary infrastructure, such as electric vehicle charging stations or alternative fuel facilities.





OPPOSE

- **Rollbacks of Environmental Protections** - Oppose rollbacks of environmental protections that weaken regulations on air and water quality, risking harm to public health and ecosystems.
- **Decreasing Assistance for Fuel Emission Reduction Programs** - Oppose legislation decreasing assistance to local government fuel emission reduction programs.
- **Restrictions on Renewable Energy Expansion** - Oppose any measures restricting the expansion of renewable energy projects or related financial incentives.

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