



# SOUTHWOOD

## Homeowners Association Newsletter

### January Calendar

#### Torrance City Council Meetings

7 p.m. at 3031 Torrance Blvd.  
1.14 & 1.28  
1.7 & 1.21 – no meetings

#### Torrance Planning Commission Meetings

7 p.m. at 3031 Torrance Blvd.  
1.15

#### TUSD Board Meeting

7 p.m. at 2336 Plaza Del Amo  
1.21, Tuesday

#### Friends of the Library Book Sale

1.25, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
1.26, 1-4 p.m.  
Katy Geissert Civic Center Library  
3301 Torrance Blvd.

#### City of Torrance Programs & Classes

Registration now open  
Classes begin week of 1.20

#### TUSD Vaping Town Hall Meeting

2.5, 6-8 p.m.  
West High School  
20401 Victor St.

#### Torrance Historical Society Museum

Wed., Thurs., & Sun., 1-4 p.m.  
1345 Post Ave.

For information on these events  
+ MANY more events, go to  
[www.torranceca.gov](http://www.torranceca.gov)

### Message from Your President

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season. This new year promises to be a most interesting one with issues close to home being decided via our city elections on March 3, 2020, and issues concerning our whole nation being voted on in the California presidential primary (taking place in March instead of June) and the general election in November.

The Southwood Homeowners Association Newsletter strives to keep you informed of the most pertinent issues affecting our city and neighborhood. If you haven't done so already, please support us by becoming a member. We are at 269 members – only 54% of our goal of 500 members.

Your support allows us to continue the monthly newsletters and candidate forums (one is planned for February 5 – see article on page 2). In addition, your membership fees go toward a scholarship awarded to a West High senior, and a special wish-list donation to Anza Elementary and/or Jefferson Middle School. Supporting education in our community is one way we maintain the value of our Southwood neighborhood.

**Please fill out the short membership application on page 3 and mail it in with your check to the address on the form.** Please include your email as this is how we conduct our voting of officers once a year and on rare occasions, we may want to communicate time sensitive issues. We never share your email address.

As a side note, we will soon be unveiling the Southwood Homeowners Association website! Emi Morimoto has been hard at work behind the scenes developing an informative and visually beautiful website highlighting many local landmarks. We are also looking at adding PayPal or something similar to provide another option for membership sign ups.

Thank you to all who have already joined SHA for 2020! We truly appreciate your kind words and support! Please feel free to drop us an email or phone call anytime with any questions or suggestions.

*Laurie Craig, SHA President*



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# Board of Education Observer Report

## Welcome Parents & Community Partners!

Student success and achievement is a shared responsibility between home and school. It is TUSD's goal to have parents and community partners involved and engaged in a variety of ways to ensure students are successful. The **Building Bridges** project was created to improve student services, promote overall student/family wellness, and build a better learning environment for TUSD students through family/community involvement.

Please join us! You can be involved in a variety of ways, whatever works for you. **Parents** can attend workshops, speakers, events, join the TUSD and South Bay Families Connected online community, provide feedback through our district survey, or get involved at your child's school. **Community partners** can join our collaborative that meets monthly to coordinate effective service delivery and collaborate on joint efforts. For questions or feedback, please contact the Coordinator of Parent/Community Engagement, Nancy Gutierrez, at [gutierrez.nancy@tusd.org](mailto:gutierrez.nancy@tusd.org).

## Scanning Southwood

- Thanks for everything you do and a special thanks to Laurie for volunteering to be President!
- 43 years! Bravo!
- Thanks for keeping us informed!

If you have news to share related to births, deaths, marriages, new jobs, just moved in, moving away, etc., please let us know. Call us at 424.226.6428 or email us at [southwood.homeowners@gmail.com](mailto:southwood.homeowners@gmail.com).

# Torrance City Council Candidates Forum

Torrance will be having its first by-district election for Torrance City Council members on March 3, 2020. Torrance residents no longer vote for the six council members at-large. Instead, six districts have been established and residents within a district only vote for the one council member who will represent their district. Elections for districts 2, 4 and 6 will be held in March and elections for districts 1, 3 and 5 take place in 2022. Southwood area falls within the District 2 boundaries.

There are 2 forums planned for District 2 candidates:

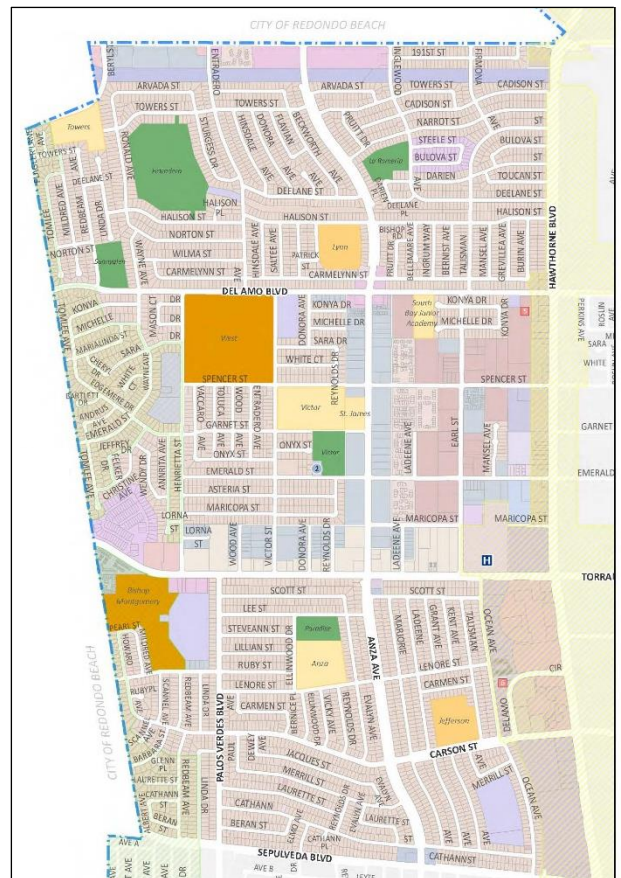
- Monday, January 13 (Sponsored by West Torrance HOA)  
Bert Lynn Middle School  
6:30 p.m. candidates arrive, 7:00 p.m. forum begins
- Wednesday, February 5 (Sponsored by Southwood HOA)  
Anza Elementary School  
6:30 p.m. candidates arrive, 7:00 p.m. forum begins

Please plan on attending one or both of the forums. The candidates for District 2 are George Chen and Geoff Rizzo.

For the February 5 forum sponsored by SHA, we encourage you to contact us with any questions you have for the candidates either by phone or email (contact info on page 1). We will ask these questions and more that evening, so be sure to come to the forum to hear their answers!

For information on the districts, candidates, and issues that will be on the March 3 ballot, go to [www.TorranceVotes.org](http://www.TorranceVotes.org).

District 2 Election Map



## City Council Votes for Sales Tax Increase Measure

At the December 3 City Council meeting, council members voted to place a conditional  $\frac{3}{4}$  cent sales tax increase on the ballot for March. The additional sales tax would not be levied unless the county wins approval of its own sales tax increase. Since the Torrance city sales tax increase would kick in first, the extra income will go to Torrance instead of the county. The reason for the proposed increase in the Torrance city sales tax is to help pay for the unpaid pension liabilities that are eating into the city's operating budget.

# Thank you to all who have joined the 2020 Southwood Homeowners Association

This list is based on dues received from 11.10 to 12.6. Additional names will be listed in February's newsletter.

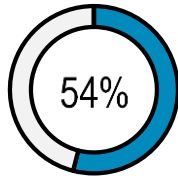
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It's not too late to join! Please mail the application form below along with your check (made out to "Southwood Homeowners Association") to the address on the form. **THANK YOU!**

## Membership Application

Southwood Homeowners Association, Inc.  
 4733 Torrance Blvd. #155, Torrance, CA 90503

Annual Dues run from January through December. New members' voting rights begin 30 days after receipt of dues.

Please check appropriate category (only one fee is required per address):

- Voting Member – Residing within the Southwood Area.....  \$20.00  
 Non-Voting Member – Residing outside the Southwood Area .....  \$25.00

Yes, I want my Membership Card:  Let me know if I can help (observer, special events):

Name of Member(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (please **PRINT**): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional donation to support SHA scholarships, school gifts, etc.: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Thank you!)

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

(We never share your email, phone or address with any 3<sup>rd</sup> parties. Emails used for voting and occasional notices only.)

## Torrance Historical Society



Early Police Department

How well do you know our city?  
 Take this quiz to find out:

1. How old is the City of Torrance?
2. What year did Torrance enter its first float in the Rose Parade?
3. What was the form of public transportation in Torrance in the early years?
4. Who was our first directly elected mayor?

Visit the Torrance Historical Society and Museum to learn more about our city's rich history.

[www.torrancehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.torrancehistoricalsociety.org)

Answers: 1. 107 years, 2. 1914, 3. Red Cars, 4. Albert Eisen

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