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Torrance City Council Honors Prestigious Jared Sidney Torrance Award Winner And Presents The New Citizen Of The Year Award To The First Honorees

Torrance, Calif., January 30, 2012 – Mayor Frank Scotto announced 6 honorees at the recent City Council meeting held on Tuesday, January 24th. Janet Payne, historian, founding member and former President of the Old Torrance Neighborhood Association, received the City's Prestigious Jared Sydney Torrance Award for her lifetime commitment to the community. Mayor Scotto said, "Janet is one of those exceptional people who puts her beliefs into action."

The Jared Sydney Torrance Award was established in 1984. The Torrance City Council presents the award to citizens who have served the community continuously throughout their lifetime of leadership and dedication. Past recipients of the Jared Sydney Torrance Award include former elected and appointed officials, and exceptional community leaders who have served our community generously.

The Mayor also announced the establishment of the Citizens of the Year Award. The award will be given by Torrance City Council each January to recognize citizens who, during the course of the year, perform meritorious service above and beyond that which is expected of a citizen. June Lee & Melissa Wright were recognized for their commitment to recognize three local heroes and dedicate the new Seaside Heroes Park in their honor. Kristen Matsuda, Keith Montoya, and Dee Hardison, former Mayor and a past recipient of the Jared Sydney Torrance Award, were also honored for their work in creating a comprehensive ethics training program to support ethical conduct of candidates in their campaigns for elective office.

Mayor Scotto said, "Year after year, we see people who give of themselves for the betterment of the Community and yet they ask for nothing in return. It pleases me that the Torrance City Council, with the establishment of the new Citizens of the Year Award, can now honor them.

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