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## **Torrance City Council Honors Dee Hardison with Prestigious Jared Sidney Torrance Award**

Torrance, Calif., November 27, 2007 – Mayor Frank Scotto announced last week that former Mayor Dee Hardison will receive the Jared Sidney Torrance Award for lifetime commitment to the community. The Award will be presented on Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. during the regularly-scheduled City Council meeting in the Council Chamber located at 3031 Torrance Boulevard. The public is invited.

“Torrance was lucky to have the right person at the right time; as mayor, Dee Hardison guided the City through tough times. And it was only the beginning of a continued life of service to Torrance. She works as hard now as she did then to help shape the Torrance community,” says Mayor Scotto.

During her tenure as mayor, the City completed major projects including the Sports Center in Wilson Park, Madrona Marsh Nature Center, Veterans Memorial and the expansion of the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library among others. Since then, she continued serving the community as chair or member of numerous boards including the Blue Ribbon Committee on Ethics, Torrance Performing Arts Commission and the Harbor UCLA Community Alliance, which worked to successfully keep Harbor UCLA Medical Center open.

The Award was established in 1984 to recognize citizens who served the community through a lifetime of leadership and dedication. Past recipients include former Mayors Ken Miller, Jim Armstrong and Katy Geissert, Torrance businessman George W. Post and prior to Hardison, Ron Littlefair who was honored posthumously in 2005.

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