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July 4 Fireworks Show Returns to City of Torrance

Torrance, Calif., June 28, 2016 – The City of Torrance is pleased to announce that a Fourth of July fireworks show will return to the City for the first time since 2010. The 2016 show will take place Monday, July 4 at 9 p.m. The 20-minute show will feature a patriotic soundtrack to complement the more than 1,000 shells being fired.

There will be street closures in the area beginning at 5 p.m., including: Maple Avenue between Torrance Boulevard and California Street; and Civic Center Drive between Madrona and Maple avenues. Roads between Maricopa Street and Torrance Boulevard may also experience traffic impacts. All roads except for Civic Center Drive will open at the conclusion of the fireworks show. Civic Center Drive will reopen once pedestrian traffic from the Toyota Sports Complex has cleared.

The internal Civic Center parking lot will be closed for the launching of the fireworks, however the surrounding parking lots will be open for the public to view the show. The public is invited to come and watch the spectacular show, with viewing areas at the Toyota Sports Complex at 555 Maple Avenue. A portion of the courthouse at 825 Maple Avenue also will be open for viewing.

Tickets will be required to enter the Toyota Sports Complex viewing area. These free tickets are available now, and must be picked up in advance from either the Cultural Arts Center Box office at the James Armstrong Theatre (3330 Civic Center Drive) or from the Community Services Department located in the West Annex of City Hall (3031 Torrance Blvd). Box Office hours are Tuesday-Friday, from 1 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 8 p.m. The Community Services Department will be open to distribute tickets today through Friday, July 1, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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There are a limited number of tickets available for access to the Toyota Sports complex. All other areas will be available on a first come, first served basis. Gates to the Toyota Sports Complex will open at 7 p.m., and will close 30 minutes after the show ends. In an effort to protect the synthetic turf field, no food or drinks (excluding bottled water) will be allowed into the complex, and only chairs with rounded bottoms such as beach chairs will be allowed. The following items are prohibited:

- Alcohol
- Animals
- Barbecues
- Bicycles
- Candy
- Catering
- Coolers
- Drinks (except bottled water)
- EZ Ups and other tent type structures
- Fireworks
- Folding chairs with straight legs
- Food
- Gum
- Motorized vehicles
- Scooters
- Sharp objects
- Stakes, spikes, etc.
- Sunflower and other shelled seeds
- Tailgating
- Tobacco products

Staff will be posted at the entrance to ensure that prohibited items do not enter the facility. The City recommends that bags not be brought into the facility, and reserves the right to conduct bag checks.

Torrance CitiCABLE will broadcast the show live on Time Warner Cable Channel 3, Frontier FiOS Channel 31, over the air on KNET 25.2 and online at TorranceCA.Gov/CableTV/15747.htm.

In anticipation of the holiday, the City of Torrance is also reminding everyone that within the City of Torrance, it is against the law to possess, store, offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail, give, furnish, use, or explode any fireworks, including those fireworks defined in the California Health and Safety Code as safe and sane fireworks.

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The City Council, at a Jan. 26, 2016 meeting, approved a Fourth of July Fireworks Show after staff recommended the Civic Center as the safest, most cost-effective and secure location for the community to view a fireworks show. The cost of the 2016 Fireworks Show will not exceed \$75,000.

The City asks that people attending the show be mindful and respectful of residents and businesses in the area, and to obey all traffic laws. The City wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable Independence Day Celebration. For questions or more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (310) 618-2930. More information, including a map of the Civic Center that shows street closures, parking and viewing areas is available online at TorranceCA.Gov/Fireworks

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