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## **Torrance Skateboard Park Closed Due to Safety Concerns**

Torrance, Calif., March 20, 2009 – Upon discovery of extensive damage due to inclement weather and safety concerns for patrons, the City of Torrance announced the closure of the Skateboard Park at Charles H. Wilson Park, 2200 Crenshaw Boulevard.

The now defunct Torrance Skate Association built the 21,000 square foot facility in 2001. In 2003, the City took over the facility to continue providing the community with a safe space to enjoy skateboarding activities. Throughout the years, the park's design presented numerous challenges, which City staff has diligently tried to mitigate and address through regular maintenance. In 2005, the City also performed major repairs on the facility.

This week, in spite of continuous efforts to maintain the park, staff discovered extensive damage on the ramps. Torrance residents are keenly aware that patron safety is the City's primary concern throughout its efforts to offer recreational facilities, programs and activities. Unfortunately, a precautionary park closure is necessary until further assessment can be completed. In addition, Skateboard Camps may be closed during the assessment period and participants will be notified once a decision has been made.

The City asks for and appreciates the community's cooperation as it works to resolve this matter. For more information, or if interested in participating in the Wilson Skateboard Committee, please contact the Carl Kaemerle of Community Services Department at (310) 781-7590.

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