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

Torrance, Calif., April 3, 2009 – Upon completion of the safety assessment, the City of Torrance announces that the Skateboard Park at Charles H. Wilson Park (2200 Crenshaw Boulevard) will remain closed indefinitely due to damages caused by inclement weather and concerns for patrons' safety.

Since the building of this 21,000 square foot facility in 2001 by the now defunct Torrance Skate Association, the park's design presented numerous challenges to the City of Torrance who took it over in 2003 to continue providing the community with a safe space to enjoy skateboarding and inline activities. City staff has diligently tried to mitigate and address any issues through regular maintenance; major repairs were even performed in 2005.

In late March of this year, however, City staff discovered significant damage on the ramps and revealed the wood and skate materials used to construct the facility have reached the end of their lifespan. After careful assessment, the Skateboard Park was deemed unsafe for use. With the City's primary concern for patron safety throughout its efforts to offer recreational facilities, programs and activities, closure for an indefinite period of time was determined necessary.

During this time, City apologizes for any inconvenience and asks for and appreciates the community's cooperation in resolving this matter. The City is evaluating options for a new park and invites anyone interested in participating in the Skateboard Committee to contact Carl Kaemerle of Community Services at (310) 781-7590 or via email at [CKaemerle@torrnet.com](mailto:CKaemerle@torrnet.com).

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