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### **Torrance Discontinues Fourth of July Celebration in 2011 at Wilson Park**

Torrance, Calif., June 9, 2011 – This year, due to the downturned economy, and prudent fiscal planning, the City of Torrance has decided to discontinue hosting the Fourth of July Celebration at Charles H. Wilson Park.

In spring 2010, the City of Torrance held community workshops to revise the budget for the second year of the City's Two -Year 2009-2011 Operation Budget. This was a proactive response to address the fiscal challenges brought about by a downturned economy. To achieve a balanced budget on June 15, 2010, certain programs and events, including the Fourth of July Celebration at Wilson Park were discontinued.

While Torrance will not host the Independence Day celebration, Wilson Park and all other City parks will continue to remain open during their regular hours of operation between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. for the public's use. Facilities in the park will be closed for the holiday. As a reminder, outside these hours, it is unlawful for any person to enter or remain in any park unless engaged in an activity scheduled or expressly permitted by the City. 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.

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.

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