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Torrance City Council Individually Honors Maureen O'Donnell and Hazel Taniguchi with the Prestigious Jared Sidney Torrance Award

Torrance, Calif., March 4, 2014 – On Tuesday, March 4th, during the regularly-scheduled City Council meeting, Mayor Frank Scotto presented the Jared Sidney Torrance Award for lifetime commitment to the community to Maureen O'Donnell and Hazel Taniguchi for their individual contributions to the City of Torrance.

Taniguchi, a former educator for Los Angeles Unified School District and has served on many boards and been involved with many organizations including the South Bay Japanese American Citizens League, Torrance Sister City Association League of Women Voters, the City's TV Cable Advisory Board, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Salvation Army and the North Torrance Lion's Club, to name a few. Taniguchi, originally from Hawaii has been an active member of the Torrance community for more than 25 years and was praised by the council for her enthusiasm and dedication to serving the community.

Mayor Scotto also honored Maureen O'Donnell, a pillar in the Torrance community who also taught for the Los Angeles Unified School District for 36 years. During her tenure in education, O'Donnell created a community volunteer program for her high school students teaching them early on the value of giving back. O'Donnell was also a familiar face in Torrance every Tuesday night as she served 2 terms on the Torrance City

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Council from 1992 to 2000. She has also been involved in a number of organizations, boards and committees ranging from the Torrance Rose Float Association to the YWCA to the Public Safety Commission as well as the Torrance Unified School District and El Camino College Boards to name a few.

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, Katy Geissert, and Dee Hardison, Torrance businessman George W. Post, Ron Littlefair who was honored posthumously in 2005, and last year's recipients, long-time volunteers, Toni and Dave Sargent.

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