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## **Torrance City Council Honors Cindy and Frank Scotto with the Prestigious Jared Sidney Torrance Award**

**Torrance, Calif., May 6, 2015** – On Tuesday, May 5, 2015, during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting, Mayor Patrick J. Furey presented the Jared Sidney Torrance Award for lifetime commitment to the community to Cindy and Frank Scotto for their individual contributions to the City of Torrance.

The evening began with the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Students and Government Day presentation, featuring students from several Torrance middle schools opening the City Council meeting. The program allows selected students to engage in various activities including shadowing the Mayor, Council members and executive staff in their jobs; the students then act in those roles. Frank and Cindy Scotto are two of the founding members of the program that is designed to give students a look inside local government.

Frank Scotto served as Mayor of Torrance from 2006 to 2014. He was first elected to office in Torrance in 2000, as a City Councilman. As a Councilmember, Frank served as Chairman on the Transportation Committee, Ad Hoc Veterans Memorial, Finance and Governmental Operations, Ad Hoc Legislation, Youth Task Force, and Ad Hoc Armed Forces Day Parade. Prior to that, he served on the Civil Service Commission.

Frank Scotto graduated from El Camino College and attended California State University, Long Beach before he was called to serve in the Army during the Vietnam War. After the war, Frank Scotto returned to Torrance to build his family's businesses, most notably, Frank Scotto Towing.

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He also became involved in many community organizations, including serving as the Regional Commissioner of AYSO and twice as the Director for the AYSO National Games.

Cindy Scotto, in addition to helping her husband build the successful family businesses, has long been active in the community. She has traveled her own path of advocacy and volunteerism, including working with the Parent Teacher Association, the Girl Scouts, Adventures in Arts, AYSO and Torrance Little League. She has been an active member of Las Vecinas, a women's group that establishes scholarships and supports local philanthropy groups. Cindy Scotto currently is involved with the South Bay Children's Health Center, and has served on the board of the American Heart Association.

Together, Frank and Cindy Scotto have dedicated much of their time to the Torrance Sister City Association, on which Cindy is currently a board member. They also are involved in fundraising for the arts locally. Their efforts have benefitted the Torrance Symphony Association, the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation, Art Attack and the Torrance Theatre Company. They received the 2010-2011 Dee Hardison Award from the Torrance Performing Arts Consortium, recognizing them for their unique and valuable contributions in support of the performing art community. And in 2014, they received the Katy Geissert Excellence in Arts Award from the Torrance Cultural Arts Commission for their outstanding support for all the arts in Torrance.

Frank and Cindy Scotto have been married for 46 years. They have two children, Tony and Wendy, as well as five grandchildren.

The Jared Sidney Torrance 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, former City Councilwoman Maureen O'Donnell and longtime educator and volunteer Hazel Taniguchi.

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