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**TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. IN THE WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM
AT 3031 TORRANCE BL.**

**THE TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM
LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Youth Councilmembers: Alzayat, Ahn, Berga, Cho, Choi, Donald, Han, Hanoun, Hong, Kim, Leys, Ra, Rege, Rosen, Sharma, Song, Tripathi, and Chair Chang.

**2. FLAG SALUTE
INSPIRATIONAL**

3. REPORT OF THE STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on Thursday, March 12, 2026.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited up to a 30-minute period)

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for comment on items on the Consent Calendar or not on the agenda. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Commission cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. **No longer than 2 minutes per speaker.** If presenting handout material to the Commission, please provide 10 copies to staff before speaking.*

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. Approve Commission Minutes: February 4, 2026 and February 18, 2026

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. STUDENT BODY – ACCEPT AND FILE UPDATES REGARDING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT EACH TORRANCE SCHOOL

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that Torrance Youth Council accept and file updates concerning:

- Bishop Montgomery
- CAMS

- North High School
- South High School
- Torrance High School
- West High School

7B. PROVIDE UPDATES AND INFORMATION REGARDING MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND VARIOUS CITY COMMISSIONS

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council:

- 1) Report on any meetings attended; and
- 2) Discuss and share information; and
- 3) Assign Councilmembers for upcoming meetings.

7C. RECEIVE ORAL REPORTS ON COMMITTEE UPDATES

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council:

- 1) Report and update on any committee meetings; and
- 2) Discuss and share information; and
- 3) Assign dates and time for upcoming meetings.

7D. DISCUSS THE 2026 ATTIC PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER EVENT

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council discuss and prepare for the Saturday, April 11, event:

- 1) Ticket Sales (One Book of 25 tickets @ \$5/ea. Per Commissioner)
- 2) Entertainment (Each Commissioner to provide one performance act)
- 3) Volunteer shifts (6:30 - 9 a.m. AND/OR 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.)

7E. DISCUSS A TEEN FOCUS GROUP PARTICIPATION PROVIDED BY CITYWISE

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council discuss a teen focus group by CityWise on Wednesday, April 15, 6:00 p.m. to 6:55 p.m.

- 1) Participation is voluntary.
- 2) Parent waivers are required if under the age of 18 years.
- 3) No committee meetings before TYC meeting but can meet after.

8. YOUTH COUNCIL ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of Torrance Youth Council Meeting to Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Torrance Youth Council was called to order by Chairperson Chang at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 2026. The meeting was held in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room at Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

ROLL CALL/MOTIONS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

Present: Alzayat, Ahn, Berga, Cho, Choi, Donald, Han, Hanoun, Hong, *Kim, Leys, Ra, Rege, Rosen, Sharma, Song, Tripathi and Chairperson Chang

Absent: *Youth Councilmember Kim

Staff: Jesus Castro, Senior Recreation Supervisor
Emily Escalante, Senior Program Specialist

*Youth Councilmember Kim arrived at 7:33 p.m.

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Ahn moved to approve the excused absence of Youth Councilmember Kim. Youth Councilmember Tripathi seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected approval of 17-0 (Absent Kim).

2. FLAG SALUTE AND INSPIRATIONAL

Flag Salute: Youth Councilmember Sharma

Inspirational: Youth Councilmember Berga

3. REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Senior Recreation Supervisor Jesus Castro reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City’s website on Thursday, January 29, 2026.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN DEFERRED AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

None.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Members of the public spoke.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES– DECEMBER 17, 2025

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Hong moved to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2025 meeting as submitted. Youth Councilmember Song seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected approval of 17-0 (Absent Kim).

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. STUDENT BODY – ACCEPT AND FILE UPDATES REGARDING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT EACH TORRANCE SCHOOL

Reports provided for CAMS, North, South, Torrance, West, and Bishop High Schools.

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Berga moved to accept and file the oral reports; Youth Councilmember Choi seconded; a roll call vote reflected approval of 17-0 (Absent Kim).

7B. PROVIDE UPDATES AND INFORMATION REGARDING MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND VARIOUS CITY COMMISSIONS

City Council Report – January 27, 2026: Youth Councilmembers Leys, Han, Alzayat, Ahn, Hong, Tripathi, Hanoun, and Song

Youth Councilmember Hanoun reported that the City Council recognized the CIFF Champions and the Torrance Art Museum. Tripathi shared that discussions focused on an improvement plan for Downtown Torrance. Leys noted that the upcoming elections were also discussed. Han added that funds will be reallocated for park restroom improvements.

Next Meeting Date: February 10, 2026 | Assignments: Youth Councilmembers Leys, Alzayat, Han, Donald, Ahn and Tripathi

Library Commission Report – None.

Next Meeting Date: February 9, 2026 | Assignments: Youth Councilmember Rosen

Parks and Recreation Commission – None.

Next Meeting Date: February 11, 2026 | Assignments: Youth Councilmember Cho, Choi, Rege

7C. RECEIVE ORAL REPORTS ON COMMITTEE UPDATES

- 1) ASB Bowl: The date and the relay race is being finalized.
- 2) Senior Events (Senior Tech Day & Talent Show): The Senior Talent Show is scheduled for February 9. The next Senior Tech Day will take place February 28 and March 21.
- 3) Youth Forum/Community Outreach: Assignments were delegated and TYC was tasked with contacting 2 people each.
- 4) Beat the Odds Scholarship: The committee will meet at 6:20 p.m. next week.
- 5) Publicity: None.
- 6) THE ATTIC/Happy to Chat Bench/Little Free Library: None.

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Ahn moved to approve the committee updates; Youth Councilmember Choi seconded; a roll call vote reflected approval of 17-0 (Absent Kim).

7D. DISCUSS THE 2026 ATTIC PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER EVENT

Each member was issued tickets to sell for the event. TYC will be scheduled for a performance.

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Youth Councilmembers will meet after the meeting for team bonding.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 p.m., Youth Councilmember Choi moved to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Annex Commission Room at 3031 Torrance Blvd. Youth Councilmember Alzayat seconded; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval of 18-0.

DRAFT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Torrance Youth Council was called to order by Chairperson Chang at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. The meeting was held in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room at Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

ROLL CALL/MOTIONS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

Present: Alzayat, Ahn, Berga, Hanoun, Hong, Kim, Leys, Rosen, Sharma, Song, Tripathi and Chairperson Chang

Absent: Youth Councilmember Cho, *Choi, *Donald, Han, Ra and Rege

Staff: Jesus Castro, Senior Recreation Supervisor

*Youth Councilmember Choi arrived at 7:24 p.m.

*Youth Councilmember Donald arrived at 7:14 p.m.

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Ahn moved to approve the excused absences of Youth Councilmembers Cho, Han, and Rege. Youth Councilmember Hong seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected approval of 12-0 (Absent Cho, Choi, Donald, Han, Ra and Rege).

2. FLAG SALUTE AND INSPIRATIONAL

Flag Salute: Youth Councilmember Sharma

Inspirational: Youth Councilmember Berga

3. REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Senior Recreation Supervisor Jesus Castro reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's website on Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN DEFERRED AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

None.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Recreation Supervisor, Sal Campos, introduced himself.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES– JANUARY 7, 2026

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Sharma moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2026 meeting as submitted. Youth Councilmember Berga seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected approval of 12-0 (Absent Cho, Choi, Donald, Han, Ra and Rege).

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. STUDENT BODY – ACCEPT AND FILE UPDATES REGARDING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT EACH TORRANCE SCHOOL

Reports provided for CAMS, North, South, Torrance, West, and Bishop High Schools.

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Ahn moved to accept and file the oral reports; Youth Councilmember Berga seconded; a roll call vote reflected approval of 12-0 (Absent Cho, Choi, Donald, Han, Ra and Rege).

7B. PROVIDE UPDATES AND INFORMATION REGARDING MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND VARIOUS CITY COMMISSIONS

City Council Report – February 10, 2026: Youth Councilmembers Leys, Alzayat, and Tripathi

City Council recognized the Torrance Flag Football team, awarded two centenarian awards, and discussed a possible mural planning for Black History Month.

Next Meeting Date: February 24, 2026 | Assignments: Youth Councilmembers Alzayat, Ahn, Donald, Hanoun, Tripathi, Song, and Leys

Library Commission Report – February 9, 2026: Youth Councilmember Rosen

Youth Councilmember Rosen reported that Community Services Director, Ted Stevens, extended the Oral Communications to library topics. The commission announced the Serving with a Purpose Conference and mentioned all of the available Tech days and services.

Next Meeting Date: March 9, 2026 | Assignments will be announced at next meeting.

Parks and Recreation Commission – February 11, 2026 meeting was not attended.

Next Meeting Date: March 11, 2026 | Assignments will be announced at next meeting.

7C. RECEIVE ORAL REPORTS ON COMMITTEE UPDATES

- 1) ASB Bowl: The relay race was planned, an escape room activity is currently being organized, and the proposed date options are April 16 and April 23.
- 2) Senior Events (Senior Tech Day & Talent Show): North High will be bringing volunteers for the next Senior Tech day on February 28. The April event may have volunteers from Bishop High's Senior Tech Club. It was noted that waivers are now required for events. The Senior Talent Show was recapped and was mostly good and had a great turn out.
- 3) Youth Forum/Community Outreach: March 9 is the official date for Youth Forum from 6-7/7:30 p.m. TYC should arrive early at 5 p.m. Check-ins are scheduled for 6-6:15 p.m. and details of the debate game were discussed.
- 4) Beat the Odds Scholarship: Youth Councilmember Berga is the Chair and Rosen is the Co-Chair of the committee. Applications will be due March 9 and a possible theme for the event is Harry Potter.
- 5) Publicity: Youth Councilmember Tripathi completed the Youth Forum flyer and will begin the Beat the Odds flyer soon.
- 6) THE ATTIC/Happy to Chat Bench/Little Free Library: The little library is empty and will be refilled soon.

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Tripathi moved to approve the committee updates; Youth Councilmember Hanoun seconded; a roll call vote reflected approval of 12-0 (Absent Cho, Choi, Donald, Han, Ra and Rege).

7D. DISCUSS THE 2026 ATTIC PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER EVENT

TYC was encouraged to keep selling tickets. Job locations for the event will be posted soon, and entertainment submissions must be sent to the Attic by February 27.

7E. REVIEW AND DISCUSS TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL 2026/2027 APPLICATION DATES

Interviews are capped at 50 participants, seniors are eligible to participate, and the June 6 date may be removed due to SAT testing scheduled that day.

8. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Castro reported that committee attendance has been low and reminded TYC members to email him if they expect to be absent from a meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:59 p.m., Youth Councilmember Choi moved to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Annex Commission Room at 3031 Torrance Blvd. Youth Councilmember Sharma seconded; a roll call vote reflected 14-0 (Absent Cho, Han, Ra and Rege).



Parent / Guardian Consent Form

Teen Focus Group Participation

Project: City of Torrance Library Needs Assessment

Location: Torrance City Hall, Commission Meeting Room- West Annex

Date: April 15, 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Facilitator: CityWise / Project Research Team

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your teen has been invited to participate in a focus group discussion about the future of the library system. The purpose of this discussion is to understand how teens use the library, what works well, and what improvements could make the library more meaningful for young people.

The feedback gathered will help inform the library's strategic planning and future services.

What Participation Involves

Your teen will participate in a voluntary group discussion lasting approximately 60 minutes. During the session, participants will be asked questions about:

- How they currently use the library
- What programs or spaces are important to teens
- What changes or improvements they would like to see in the future

Recording

The session will be audio recorded to ensure the research team accurately captures participants' comments. Recordings will be securely stored and only accessible by the research team for note-taking and analysis. Participants' names will not be included in any reports, and individual responses will not be attributed to specific participants.

Confidentiality

All information shared during the focus group will be kept confidential by the research team to the extent permitted by law. Findings will be summarized across participants and shared without identifying individuals. Comments shared during

the discussion may be quoted in reports, presentations, or planning documents, but no names or identifying information will be included. As this discussion will take place in a group setting, the research team cannot guarantee that other participants will keep comments confidential. All participants will be asked to respect one another's privacy and not share what others say outside of the session.

Voluntary Participation

Participation is voluntary. Your teen may choose not to answer any question and may stop participating at any time.

Questions

If you have questions about this focus group, please contact Diana Trejo, CityWise Principal at diana@citywise.co

Parent/Guardian Consent

I have read the information above and give permission for my teen to participate in this focus group.

I further consent to the audio recording of the session for research purposes.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Teen Participant Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone or Email (optional): _____

Teen Participant Consent

You have been invited to participate in a group discussion about the future of the library. During the discussion you will be asked questions about how teens use the library and what could make it better. Your participation is voluntary, and you can choose not to answer any question or leave at any time. The discussion will be audio recorded, but your name will not be included in any reports.

If you agree to participate, please sign below.

Participant Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____