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A Message from the Board

Hello Riviera Neighbors -

A new season is upon us. Hoping you were able to squeeze some wonderful summer breaks into your busy, year-round routine, and are feeling refreshed and ready to welcome the cooler and (hopefully) wetter weather.

We have several continuing issues (overdevelopment, traffic) and some new ones - especially important is an entirely new election set-up.

And, as your Homeowners Association representatives, we'll continue to do our best to keep you apprised of what's happening in and around your Hollywood Riviera community.

We look forward to getting to see you at our upcoming General Meeting but, should you have any questions, concerns, comments or issues that you'd like to raise, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Fall Meeting on November 6th!

Amy Josefek
Pamela Popovich
Co-Presidents

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Coyote Update

After several years of coyote sightings and numerous small pet deaths, City Council was forced to take some action, and has voted to implement a plan to capture and euthanize, via the Torrance Police Dept, along with the CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife (DCFW).

For more information please call Torrance hotline at 310-618-3868; complete the online Coyote Sighting Survey at <https://www.torranceca.gov/government/police/general-info/coyotes>.

Call 911 for any serious immediate needs. Also refer to California Code of Regulation Title 14 251.1-Harassment of Animals, Title 10.84.010. Note that providing food for certain rodents or predator animals is prohibited.

RHA GENERAL MEETING "Community Update!"

Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 7 PM

**Richardson Middle School Cafeteria,
at 23751 Nancy Lee Lane
Torrance, CA 90505**

We'll give the latest update on Butcher-Solana project plans, the state-wide voting for the March 2020 election, how the city plans to handle the coyote problem and more...

This is our fiscal kick off meeting for 2019....So come prepared to renew your membership or join us for the first time.

**Doors open at 6:30. Public welcome.
Light refreshments served
Annual dues will be gratefully accepted**



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Short Term Rentals Update:

The city of Torrance held a meeting on 9/17 to discuss their proposal of allowing short term rentals to residential houses not just commercial buildings.

They took feedback from all who attended which included homeowners in favor and against allowing short term rentals.

This is the first step in the process before it goes to the committee. For more info go to <https://www.torranceca.gov/home/showdocument?id=54316>.



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BUTCHER-SOLANA: THE WHEELS OF GOVERNMENT GRIND SLOWLY

There were an unheard of 690 responses submitted in August as comment on the Draft EIR for the Butcher-Solana project. It is vital for residents to weigh in on such major projects, so we say, "Great job, Torrance residents!!" And the same to so many friends in adjoining cities, who would also be negatively affected by this plan, as submitted.

Comments are being reviewed by the developer, who will respond and/or make changes to the EIR. A revised EIR will then be sent to the Torrance Planning Department, who determines if the mitigations or adjustments are satisfactory.

The Final EIR is then sent to the Planning Commission for a public hearing and their decision, to approve or deny the project. That decision will probably be appealed by the "losing" party and sent to the City Council, for the FINAL public hearing and the FINAL decision.

It seems unlikely that Planning Commission will hear this case in 2019; we will probably not see the City Council decision before Spring of 2020 but will keep you updated on the process as things move along.

Many of you have asked how you might be able to contribute to the efforts against this project, as presented. We're pleased to announce that we are partnered with the wonderful South Bay Parklands Conservancy, a 501(c)3 organization, who will be accepting funds to be held for appropriate expert and/or legal purposes that may arise. You can go online to make a tax-deductible donation on their website, at: southbayparks.org.

From the Membership Desk...

Now that fall is here, it's time to think about joining or renewing your Riviera Homeowners Association membership. This is a great way to show pride in your neighborhood. Your RHA works very hard to address the needs of our community as well as keeping you informed about current happenings. We can only do this with your support. Please fill out the membership form attached and send it and a check to the address listed. And to all our loyal members who renew their membership every year, a very big thank you.

City Treasurer / Dana Cortez on (Very) Extended Sick Leave

Some months after being re-elected in June 2018, City Treasurer Dana Cortez stopped showing up for work, citing medical issues. It's now been one full year in which she's not appeared to perform her duties (along the way, putting Torrance on the edge of a precarious fiscal situation). She is currently receiving full salary and benefits (and may continue to do so unless recalled) until June 2022.

A recall petition is being circulated, but in order to trigger a recall election (the only way to remove her from the position), 12,984 valid signatures are required by October 21st.

To sign a petition, contact ask@curedc.online or visit <https://curedc.online>.

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Cars, Cars, and More Cars...

As anyone who's driven a car (or bike, or for that matter, walked) in or around the Riviera in the past several years knows, there's more traffic now than ever!

A particularly bad issue in Lower Riviera (with cut-through traffic from PV Blvd) led to years of complaints, and the City to install a diverter to restrict traffic flow. As many predicted, the traffic was reduced, but the whack-a-mole effect led to an even narrower neighboring street to be negatively impacted.

With various traffic calming fixes being researched (including lengthened turn lanes, left turn signals, speed monitors, etc.), the City is seeking neighborhood-wide solutions. (Please sign on to the RHA website (HollywoodRiviera.org) in order to see specifics about what's being planned).



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AQMD and the Torrance Refinery

At their September meeting, the South Coast Air Quality Management District took an unexpected Board vote (previously scheduled for November) about whether to force a phase-out or ban of the toxic MHF used at the Torrance Refinery.

The surprise arrangement accepted an unsolicited offer of voluntary "safety enhancements" from the Refineries (both Torrance and Wilmington), that essentially allow them to set their own safety standards, and bypass any regulation.

South Bay Supervisor Janice Hahn protested that the agency was abandoning an established process in favor of one that offered "no accountability" regarding the new safety measures.

"We need to phase it out," said chairman Dr. William Burke, summing up the prevailing view of the board, "but now is not the time."

While the public hearings on this issue have come to an end (for now), groups like Torrance Refinery Action Alliance (TRAA.blog or [TRAA facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/TRAA)) continue their efforts to keep our residents safe.

Big election changes:

Recently enacted voting changes will make the upcoming March 3rd election quite different from past ones: Torrance changes from at-large to by-district Councilmembers, so Hollywood Riviera residents will NOT vote for a Councilmember this March (but will be in 2022)! However, there will be candidate forums about which we'll keep you informed and which will still impact your vote and local life.

And, there is an entire overhaul of the Statewide system, including early voting and electronic access added to vote-by-mail options, plus new in-person polling locations (ie: El Retiro will no longer be where Lower Riviera residents go to vote).

This will be an important election, both because of city-wide races, as well as the Primary for the Presidential Democratic candidate.

We will have a representative from Torrance at our upcoming General Meeting, who will discuss all of these changes.

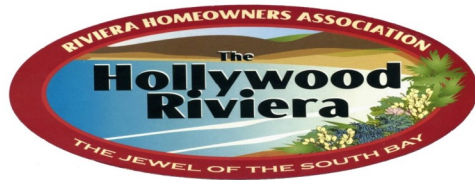
(Note: You must be registered by Feb 17th in order to cast your always-important vote.
Visit: TorranceVotes.org or <https://vsap.lavote.net/> for details).

Save the Dates:

January 13, 2020 - Candidates' Forum; West Torrance Homeowners Assn.

February 17, 2020 - Deadline; Register to Vote

March 3, 2020 - Election Day



Membership Form

Join the Riviera Homeowners Association (RHA) for 2019 –2020

Your dues are an important contribution to our community. They allow us to provide scholarships to college-bound students, and donations to elementary, middle and high school programs. They are used to sponsor general meetings in the Riviera on topics important to our community. They finance our newsletters and communications, and allow us to keep members informed on important issues being discussed in the City. Your dues allow us to thank City Hall when they are doing a great job and to express our concern when our property interests are impacted. If you are not a member, please consider joining. It is a small sum, well invested.

Membership runs from September to August. Since our new membership and business year has begun, it's time to join or renew your membership in the Riviera Homeowners Association today and help support the interests of our community. Membership dues are only \$25 a year. Please fill out the form below, enclose your check payable to "Riviera Homeowners Association" and mail to

RHA MEMBERSHIP, P.O. BOX 1074, TORRANCE, CA. 90505.

Or, you can renew or join online through our PAYPAL system—it is quick and secure!

Go to our website at www.hollywoodriviera.org.

The RHA is a 501(c)4 non-profit organization

(Please note: Your street and/or email address are never shared with any third parties, and are used only for the purpose of notifying our members about upcoming events and other important information).

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

If you would like to be on our email list, please provide us with your email address, or see how to sign up, below.

Email: _____

\$25 dollar annual membership for 2019-2020 (Sept. – Aug.)

\$45 dollar membership for two years 2019- 2021

Additional contributions are welcome! ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 Other: _____

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