Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Torrance City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Council Item 12D - Supplemental #1 for 4/12/16

The following correspondence has been received in regards to Agenda Item 12D.

Respectfully submitted:

[Signature]
John L. Fellows III
City Attorney

NOTED:

[Signature]
LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager
Dear Torrance City Council:

This letter is to complain about the inaction on the removal of Mayor Patrick Furey and son from his Commission posts. The Fair Political Practices Commission has determined that an unethical situation existed with the Furey mayoral campaign receiving illegal contributions.

Mayor Furey’s unwillingness to recuse himself on awarding the McCormack contract which he was the swing vote is unconscionable. What possibly could better portray an impression of dishonesty or collusion when McCormack was donating through a PAC to the mayoral campaign?

The Torrance City Council appears to implicitly condone the “pay for play” behavior of the Mayor and his offspring. As Mayor Furey proudly boasts of his input in the creation of Ethics training and Integrity Statement for elective office, it appears that it was meant for everyone...other than himself. Does this go for the city council too? The city council should not be portraying a “go along to get along” image.

Delaying resolution or wishing it away on this matter will only bring further outrage and tarnish the reputation of our city.

Sincerely,

Ron Lee
City of Torrance Council Members,

April 12, 2016

I realize you work hard and try your best on behalf of Torrance citizens. You do not have an easy job and I respect your role and responsibility. I'm disappointed in both your delay and process in addressing the Pat Furey, Jr. situation. I am not writing to state my opinion on the matter. Instead, I am asking that you talk about it and do something. About one month ago, Councilwoman Ashcraft requested that the council discuss the notion that Patrick Furey, Jr. be removed from the Traffic Commission. It was not considered. Not even a discussion? Two weeks ago, Councilman Rizzo requested a letter be drafted to ask that Commissioner Furey step down. This was on the agenda at last week's meeting (April 5th). Rather than having this long-awaited discussion, at Councilman Goodrich's request and concurred by the council, it was decided that comments from the public at this week's meeting will be heard. I fail to understand the need to hear the public's opinion on how to address an ethics situation when this has already created anger and frustration in the community, whether valid or invalid. Pat Furey, Jr. was selected by members of the city council to serve on the Traffic Commission. The public had no input or opinion. If you believe Mr. Furey should be removed after your discussions and after studying the facts, then please take that action. If not, then move on. The public does not have your resources (legal and administrative) to do this. The escalation of rancor is injurious to our community at large. You were elected to your position by the Torrance voters and this is one of the very difficult and very sensitive decisions you need to make on our behalf. Represent us....please.

Thank you.

Keith Montoya
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Clint Paulson
Date: April 12, 2016 at 12:45:21 AM PDT
To: "Ashcraft, Heidi" <HASHCRAFT@torranceca.gov>, <mgriffiths@torranceca.gov>,<GRIZZO@torranceca.gov>, tgoodrich <TGOODRICH@torranceca.gov>,<KWEIDEMAN@torranceca.gov>, <CITYMANAGER@torranceca.gov>,<GBARNETT@torranceca.gov>, "Furey, Pat" <PFUREY@torranceca.gov>
Subject: Item 12D

Dear City Council,

I posted a poll on my blog to solicit input on subject agenda item. The results as of this evening are as follows:

Should Mayor Furey resign? Yes: 90.12%, No: 9.88%

Should Patrick Furey Jr. be removed from the Traffic Commission? Yes: 95.18%, No: 4.82%

Should Patrick Furey Jr. be removed from the School Board Personnel Commission? Yes: 89.02%, No: 10.98%

Updated results as well as additional comments from concerned residents can be found at the link below.

http://torrancecitycouncil.com/?p=1534

Sincerely,

Clint Paulson
Mr. Mannes,
Thank you for your email.
Heidi Ashcraft

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 12, 2016, at 12:38 PM, Ed Mannes wrote:

Dear Mayor and City Council Members -

My name is Ed Mannes, and I have been and continue to be a resident of Torrance for 48 of my nearly 52 years. I went through TUSD, and my children have attended and are attending the very same schools I did. When it came time to buy a house, I convinced my wife that Torrance was the place to live, even though my job was in East Pasadena. I worked for a time for the Parks & Recreation Department, I serve on the Board for AYSO, formerly for Region 12 South Torrance and currently for Area F. I also serve on the Board for TABB. My roots here are deep as are my connections.

I cannot be at the council meeting because I am buried in the heat of tax season. It frustrates and angers me that I even have to write this email. I expect the leaders of this city to be just that - leaders. Political games are bad enough at the state and Federal level, but we shouldn't have to endure this at the local level. In the grand scheme of life, keeping this city a great place to live and leaving it better than when you began your terms should be your only goals and guiding principles. Political aspirations should be left out of decision making when it comes to this city.

I demand that the City Council remove Patrick Furey, Jr. from the traffic commission, regardless of his intent or desire. As a CPA, I understand the importance of impartiality and independence, both in fact and in appearance. As Council Members, you should act with that same integrity. I will be watching very closely the results of tonight's events. I will be reading who voted in which direction. If Patrick Furey, Jr. is not removed, I will personally walk the neighborhoods I live in and have lived in, knock on doors, and let the citizens of this city know exactly what is happening in City Hall. I will make and distribute flyers in these neighborhoods showing who voted in which direction. I will have conversations at the soccer fields and ballpark with other Torrance residents to make sure they are aware of what is going on. When I'm at the grocery store, the dry cleaners, the local convenience store or burger joint, I'll make this the topic of conversation.

Your actions as a group so far are a disgrace, and I will be watching - do the right thing!

Sincerely,
Edward A Mannes, CPA
Dear Ms. Ashcraft,

As a long time Torrance resident and voter, I urge you to keep Patrick Furey in his commissioner position. If you look closely, the facts in the case do not show that either he or the mayor colluded with McCormick Ambulance. I would hope that you all above the politics of destruction. Both Furey's have served the residents of Torrance in so many positive ways. I believe it would be a severe injustice for either to be pushed out. Thus, I ask that you vote to retain Patrick Furey and move on to handle the needs of the residents of Torrance.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sent from my iPhone
From: Ashcraft, Heidi
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 1:01 PM
To: Jackson, LeRoy; Fellows, John
Subject: Fwd: Support for The Mayor

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Flag Status: Flagged

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Robert [REDACTED]
Date: April 12, 2016 at 12:35:05 PM PDT
To: <HAshcraft@TorranceCA.Gov>
Subject: Support for The Mayor

Pat Furey addressed the Torrance Democratic Club last evening. In what I would
describe as impassioned methodical way, he described the current situation, and we nearly
all found it both credible and defensible. The news accounts are obviously swayed.

Partisan politics still roam the Torrance political ways, and this should have ceased
many years ago. I would like to see a halt until calmer heads prevail, and see
The both the Fureys remain.

Thanks for your service,
Robert Schwent (Longtime Torrance resident, presently outside of Torrance)
Thank you for your email.
Heidi Ashcraft
Torrance City Council

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 11, 2016, at 10:58 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello,

I am a Torrance resident and can't believe all of the unnecessary negativity that I have been reading from Nick Green in the Daily Breeze regarding Mayor Pat Furey and Patrick Furey Jr. The situation has been depicted inaccurately and it is unjust of the council to consider firing Patrick from a volunteer position after he has paid the fine for a minor act that is "frowned" upon, but not illegal as Nick has written. It is my hope that the council will be upstanding in their decision and allow Patrick Furey Jr. to remain on the council.

Sincerely,

Melanie Raemsich
[REDACTED]
From: Kathy Kelley
Date: April 11, 2016 at 9:32:41 PM PDT
To: "hashcraft@torranceca.gov" <hashcraft@torranceca.gov>, "gbarnett@torranceca.gov" <gbarnett@torranceca.gov>, "mgriffiths@torranceca.gov" <mgriffiths@torranceca.gov>, "igoodrich@torranceca.gov" <igoodrich@torranceca.gov>, "grizzo@torranceca.gov" <grizzo@torranceca.gov>, "kweideman@torranceca.gov" <kweideman@torranceca.gov>, "pfurey@torranceca.gov" <pfurey@torranceca.gov>
Subject: Letter of Support for Patrick Furey
Reply-To: Kathy Kelley <kkelley54@yahoo.com>

Kathy Kelley
President
California School Employees Association
Torrance Paraeducators
Chapter #845

April 10, 2016

Dear Torrance City Council Members and Mayor,

I write to you today in defense of Commissioner Patrick Furey. CSEA selected Patrick Furey as its appointee to the Torrance Unified School District’s Personnel Commission in 2012 because of his strong beliefs and knowledge of the Merit System. Mr. Furey has proven to be an excellent choice and has always acted honorably and performed his duties with the utmost ethics and integrity.

It is because of these qualities that Mr. Furey was reappointed to the Personnel Commission by CSEA Chapter #845 and its 465 members in 2015. We continue to support our decision.
Please consider this when deliberating.

Thank you,

Kathy Kelley
President
Chapter 845
CSEA
Thank you for your email.

Heidi

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 11, 2016, at 9:32 PM, Dan Feliz wrote:

I understand there is a lot to the issue tomorrow night with the decision of whether or not to remove Commissioner Furey. I'm sure you are not taking the decision lightly and I appreciate your concerns. I do also have a concern for Commissioner Furey who like many of us have volunteered his time and energy. I'm hoping the way he is treated will not negatively influence other potential volunteers in town for as we all know I takes a village. I'm hoping the same amount of effort is used to be fair and just as we use to have an open and ethical government in this wonderful town. All of us in town look up to you on the council as examples of how to treat and respect each other. I'm confident you will make us all proud once again tomorrow night in the way this issue is treated. Thank you for your time and attention.

Dan Feliz

Sent from Mail for Windows 10
Thank you for your email.
Heidi Ashcraft

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 11, 2016, at 9:18 PM, Mindy Paulson wrote:

Dear City Council,

I understand that you are facing a weighty issue this Tuesday as you vote over the removal of Patrick Furey Jr. from the Traffic commission. I urge you to uphold your ethical code and vote for his removal.

As a mother of 4 I often think about my children, how to raise them and who I hope they become. Some of the most important traits I try to teach and reinforce are integrity, honesty and the courage to stand up for the right in difficult situations. Even now as they are learning about friendship and how to manage difficult relationships, I am most proud of them when they stand up to a bully and protect someone vulnerable. I can easily relate this situation to what you are facing now as a council.

We the citizens of Torrance are at your mercy. I know I thoughtfully voted for those that I felt would best uphold the values of honesty and integrity and protect the citizens of this community. Please show me and others that you have the best interest of our community at heart by voting to remove Patrick Furey Jr. from the traffic commission.

Thank you,

Mindy Paulson
Torrance Resident
Thank you for your email.
Heidi Ashcraft

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On Apr 11, 2016, at 3:39 PM, Rene Sandoval wrote:

Good afternoon all...

I write this afternoon regarding Traffic Commissioner, Patrick Furey, and his volunteer position with the City of Torrance. I've read articles in the local papers and have kept myself abreast of recent developments. Not only am I a Torrance homeowner, but a voter as well. I participate in elections and did so in the most recent election for mayor in support of Mayor Patrick Furey.

In reading the news articles published, it's clear that the writers/reporters are biased and have their own personal interests in mind. They write in a subjective way that I've not seen before in local news, making father and son appear something they are not. Traffic Commissioner Furey has already been reportedly fined for his involvement so removing him or asking for a resignation would be unjust and unmerited.

I watched the mayor's reaction online and support his words 100%. Mayor Furey has proved to be a loyal official and resident to the City of Torrance and, in my opinion, an asset not to be neither risked nor lost.

I ask that you NOT remove Commissioner Furey from his post of Traffic Commissioner and that recent and future publications from local papers be ignored in decisions moving forward.

I welcome any feedback you may have and thank you in advance for your strong consideration.

Respectfully...

Rene Sandoval
North Torrance resident and home-owner
Thank you KT for your email.
Heidi

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 11, 2016, at 3:04 PM, Kris Thompson wrote:

Torrance City Council: Please compare the Daily Breeze, the Torrance Tribune, and the "Stipulation, Decision and Order" information regarding Mayor Furey. It is difficult to get more than whine from green and sour grapes. Please consider this when you act. Respectfully,
Kristine "kt" Thompson, registered Torrance voter
Marc,

Thank you for your email.

Heidi

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 11, 2016, at 2:35 PM, Marc Danziger wrote:

I've been silent on the issue of ethics in city government because I trusted everyone involved - Mayor Furey, Commissioner Furey Jr., and the Council to do the right thing.

I see no sign of that happening as of today, and so have to raise my voice in concern.

There is no place in our city's governance for the ethically compromised. There is no place in our city's governance for those who accede to ethical compromise.

We're either a well-governed city, or we're on the path to becoming Vernon or Bell.

I'm not at all an enemy of the Mayor or of his son.

Politics ain't beanbag, it's been said, and I can tolerate tough politics...even if I'd prefer a gentler, more collegial kind. But there's a point where we have to look at each other and acknowledge things have just gone too damn far.

I genuinely hope that before Tuesday night, Commissioner Furey Jr. sees the light and resigns both of his commissionships.

If he doesn't, I hope Mayor Furey sees the light and directs him to do so.

And if he doesn't, the Council and School Board must use their power to remove him.

If these don't happen...how will you govern our city? How can we citizens have confidence that decisions are made in the City's interest?

I'm sad to write this, and sad that we've come to this point.

I genuinely hope everyone wakes up and does the right thing tomorrow.

I can't be there to speak tomorrow because I am out of the country. But I think it's important enough to take time to write you and implore all of you to do the right thing.
I write as a citizen and resident of Torrance, and not in any capacity related to our HoA.

Marc Danziger
Begin forwarded message:

From: "Ashcraft, Heidi" <HAShcraeft@TorranceCA.gov>
Date: April 11, 2016 at 2:34:21 PM PDT
To: Amanda Alvarez [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Commissioner Furey

Thank you, Ms. Alvarez for your email. I assure you my decision will be based on the legal stipulation findings which include emails from Patrick Furey Jr.

Heidi Ashcraft
Torrance City Council

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 11, 2016, at 2:24 PM, Amanda Alvarez [REDACTED] wrote:

with trusted leaders, with the unwavering ability to make the correct decisions, independent
Mr. Hauer,
Thank you for your email.
Heidi Ashcraft
Torrance City Council

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 11, 2016, at 7:54 AM, Fred Hauer wrote:

Greetings everybody,

I want to remind all of you, especially those who have not responded to my earlier message, that both the furey's have to go.

To furey allies I'll say you need to come down off your high horses and remove the stench of corruption else it will stick to you to the detriment of your political futures. Get your frigging acts together!

Regards,

Fred Hauer
Dear Council Member Heidi Ann Ashcraft,

This letter is being sent to Mayor Patrick J. Furey and Council Members Heidi Ann Ashcraft, Gene Barnett, Tim Goodrich, Mike Griffiths, Geoff Rizzo, and Kurt Weideman. My name is John Paul Tabakian, Ed.D. I have family roots in this city that surpass 36 years and live in Hickory Park. We all serve our country in different ways. I have been a public servant in various capacities for over 23 years. In my line of work, honesty, integrity, and ethics are rules that we embrace without reservation.

I am proud to call Patrick J. Furey my mayor. It is very disturbing that his son Patrick Furey Junior is being used as a pawn in a game of political assassination of our mayor. A group that I call “Preachers of Hate" are playing a dangerous game of character assassination that not only attacks the entire Furey family, but also the lives of our constituents. To endanger the lives of our community by trying to cancel our contract with McCormick Ambulance is despicable. These people do not have our best interests at heart. These “Preachers of Hate" are aligning with Muckrakers who relish pitting one group against another to accomplish sick political victories.

These “Preachers of Hate" are in collusion with Muckrakers who are trying to encourage the removal of Patrick Furey Junior from the Traffic Commission. It is a far stretch to equate a stipulation agreement with the FPPC as an abuse of public office. In my honest opinion, Patrick Furey Junior is being publicly tried for his love and admiration for his father, Mayor Patrick J. Furey.

I ask that all of you do the right thing and allow Patrick Furey Junior to complete his term of service on the Traffic Commission.

Sincerely,

John Paul Tabakian, Ed.D.
Career Pathway Specialist
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I am absolutely PO'ed by the conduct of the mayor and his son. His behavior at City Council meetings in general is completely disgusting and unacceptable for Torrance. I think he's having some mental issues.

Pat Furey's unacceptable conduct is making it difficult to create an open
and transparent government. Pat Furey's attitude toward people of differing views is bordering on intimidation. This is not the actions or transparency we expect from our elected officials.
Honorable Members of the Torrance City Council,

As a former City Exec Team member I appreciate the time and effort needed to take part in the grass roots governing of a city like our Torrance.

I have always believed that "our leaders" were too transparent to participate in under-handed, divisive, mean-spirited and undermining political conduct.

My beliefs have been shaken. After reading and watching what is being said and written, I have to communicate my point of view on the situation.

Allow me to share my perspective on the current "undercurrent" of political discontent, which I believe is being fueled by a misinformed and misguided local media effort.

I would like to compare the current situation with Mayor Furey and his son, Commissioner Furey, to the oft-mentioned accusation that "senior fire department staff" colluded to award the 2014 ambulance contract to McCormick.

1. The RFP evaluation committees performed independent analyses both in 2011 and 2014, presented their ranking results, and the highest rated company was recommended. PERIOD!
   There was no collusion with/by anyone...

2. The 2011 RFP process, after much time and effort, was turned into a sham by the then-Mayor and Council.
   a. During the process, Gerber Ambulance Co. refused to present their financial documentation (a key process document) and were disqualified on advice of the City Attorney.
      1. The Mayor overruled that item so Gerber Ambulance Co. could continue in the process.
   b. The months of research and documentation were widely attacked during a contentious meeting presentation. Former Councilmember Rhilinger was particularly incisive that night.
c. The Council rejected the findings/recommendation and awarded the contract to Gerber Ambulance Co. based on loose promises to “do better” made to Mayor Scotto by Mr. Gerber himself.

3. Between 2011 and 2014 there were dozens of documented complaints of various types of categories of non-performance.
   a. These were presented to the then Mayor and Council and were swept aside...
   b. These are available to review and are part of the public record submitted during the 2014 RFP process

4. Gerber Ambulance Co. refused to provide their financials for the 2014 RFP process and were again disqualified.
   a. They were not allowed to participate in that RFP process.

5. Turns out Gerber Ambulance Co was for sale...
   a. Falk/CARE was the interested party. They walked away due to ....??

6. The Daily Breeze has someone providing “just enough” information to sound plausible. The rest is filled with opinion, speculation and innuendo.
   a. “Senior Fire staff”, and the City Attorney and staff, sat with Mr. Green of the Daily Breeze, and explained the 2104 RFP process in detail.

   It was all for naught. Apparently facts are boring and don’t sell as well as the “other” form of “news”.

7. That there was a PAC set up to do whatever the media alleges it did was news to me and the “senior fire staff”.
   a. It’s existence had no influence over the award of the contract.

8. There was never any external influence exerted on the RFP process by me, our fire staff, the Torrance Firefighters Association, and anyone involved with Mayor Furey or his campaign, to sway the assignment of the contract. I will swear to that, and all the above as well.

9. Lastly, what needs to be asked is: Why did the previous Mayor and Council want to award a contract for ambulance services to an under-performing company? Maybe Mr. Paulson and Mr. Stephenson can look into that and ask Mr. Green to write an article into “Southern Georgia-Style” politics right here in the city of Torrance.

   There is also the possibility that the “why” is known to people, including Mr. Green, and that is why the question has not been asked... It makes one wonder if Mr. Green is protecting someone...
Based on my experiences with the fact twisting and spinning of information by the local media; it's use to suit local agitating factions (it is “voting season” after all); and its ultimate use for the undermining of the current Mayor and Council, I urge you to ignore ALL the negativity and the bad press!

I encourage you, Honorable Council Members, to support Mayor Furey and encourage you to not go along with the frenzy of the factions that want to remove Commissioner Furey.

The Mayor and the Commissioner deserve to be judged on their records of service to the Torrance Community not on what amounts to political pay back by former Council members/candidates and their hacks.

This activity is definitely not what is best for Torrance. It casts a negative aura not only on the Mayor but on you as a member of the current Council.

Thank you

Respectfully

W. Racowschi.
Thank you for your email.
Heidi Ashcraft
Torrance City Council

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2016, at 12:59 PM, chris pavis wrote:

Please do not remove Pat Furey’s son as volunteer commissioner. ...
Ms. McIlraith,
Thank you for your email.
Heidi Ashcraft
Torrance City Council

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2016, at 9:40 AM, Patti McIlraith wrote:

Dear Council Members

I am writing to you with regard to Tuesday's upcoming Council meeting. I hope that you, as our elected representatives, do the right thing and remove Mayor Furey's son, Patrick Jr. from his appointment on the Traffic Commission. As an appointee, we as taxpayers are trusting in the integrity of our council to do the ethical and morally correct thing and remove Patrick Jr. from this Mayor appointed position.

I believe this decision will reflect very much on the individual integrity and honesty of each of you as elected members of our council. I also believe this issue and the wider implications underlying how this happened, are only the tip of the iceberg. It takes a lot to upset our wider community and get constituents politically active, but the type of government we are presently seeing in our community is doing just that.

My family has lived in Torrance since 1957 and never have I seen our political climate reach such lows. I, as a taxpayer, am outraged that the Furey brand of politics has taken over our city.

Now that the Furey family of dirty laundry is "out in the air" and backed by The Fair Political Practices Commission fining Mayor Furey, Patrick Jr and others, I am paying much closer attention to local politics. I am following each councilmembers' vote, as are many others, who have expressed their dissatisfaction in the direction our local government is taking. I believe removal of Patrick Jr. from this appointment is only the first step of the downfall of our mayor and his supporters.

Vote for your constituents who elect you to govern with honesty and integrity and remove Patrick Jr from this appointment.

Patricia McKaig
South Torrance
Thank you for your email.
Heidi Ashcraft
Torrance City Council

Sent from my IPhone

On Apr 9, 2016, at 10:59 AM, Kathy & Jerry wrote:

This mayor should resign. Your backing this man, and his son, makes you look just as bad as the mayor.
Dear Members of the City Council,

Though I have not been able to attend the City Council meetings for several weeks due to my son’s hospitalization, I have been able to watch them online and have mixed feelings about what I have seen. I was very glad to hear McCormick’s side of the story and felt they were able to clear up many issues surrounding their campaign contribution. I distinctly heard Mr. Roesch and Mr. Chidley state they had consulted with a Mr. Roberson along with a Tina MacGregor (?sp) in order to make sure their contribution was handled in the correct manner. I also understood from McCormick’s presentation, that the Mayor was not aware of the contribution and Patrick, Jr. would be one handling his father’s campaign. I feel this finally should have put an end to the issue surrounding the Mayor and his son’s so-called involvement with supposedly hiding campaign funds; however, yet again I read an article in the Daily Breeze about this issue on April 7th as well as today. I have been quite dismayed with the constant negative press, which our City and our leaders receive on a regular basis from this paper and I feel sad that we the residents are subjected to this almost daily barrage of negativity. I feel this constant misreporting of facts is an injustice to our Mayor and his son and I hope you as our City Council will not pay attention to this kind of tactic but decide from deep within how to move forward.

My question to Council is: What has Patrick Furey, Jr. done to get you all in such a quandary because after McCormick’s explanation it seems clear there have been no improprieties taken by Patrick, Jr. or the Mayor, for that matter. My second cousin Sakae Takahashi was a State Territorial Treasurer for Hawaii and most important he became one of the first Asian State Senators. I was told he believed that no matter what part of the aisle you sat on and no matter how much you don’t like each other you still need to try to work as a team to get things done but those of us watching out in the audience or on cable or the internet are not seeing this happen. Instead there seems to be a great discord amongst everyone, which is very uncomfortable for those of us who are watching the proceedings.
I hope you will all reconsider asking for the resignation of Patrick Furey, Jr from the Traffic Commission because the evidence and testimony of McComb Ambulance has made it clear to many of us there was no wrongdoing on his part but the fault is that of someone who he worked with.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this E-mail.

Sincerely,

Kathryn D. Endo-Roberts
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bonniegay Bacon  
Date: April 8, 2016 at 4:49:40 PM PDT  
To: <HAshcraft@torrance.ca.gov>, <GBarnett@torrance.ca.gov>,  
<TGoodrich@torrance.ca.gov>, <MGriffiths@torrance.ca.gov>, <GRizzo@torrance.ca.gov>,  
<KWeideman@torrance.ca.gov>  
Subject: Furey and Jr. problems

Dear all Torrance City Council Members:  
I have written to you before but only two of you responded to my email???
I am expressing my disdain about how the City of Torrance City Council is  
handling the Mayor and his sons problems, they have created a mess in our  
usually smoothly run City. I think you should immediately fire the son of his  
position on the Traffic commission and censure our dishonest fake of a  
mayor.  
I hope you get my pleas for returning our great honest City to its past good,  
professional reputation.  
Sincerely, Bonniegay Bacon
Anil,  
Thank you for your email.  
Heidi  

Sent from my iPhone  

On Apr 8, 2016, at 4:09 PM, Anil S. Muhammed wrote:  

Dear Members of the Torrance City Council,  

In light of the April 12th city council meeting - item 12d concerning Commissioner Furey, I would like to share some thoughts (please see attached).  

Feel free to contact me should you have any questions.  

Have a great weekend!  

Best, anil  

<Letter of Support - Commissioner Patrick Furey.pdf>
April 8, 2016

Members of the Torrance City Council
3031 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90503

RE: Traffic Commissioner Patrick Furey

Dear Honorable Member,

In light of the recent news concerning Commissioner Furey, I would like to share some thoughts on this issue.

Commissioner Furey is a long time resident of our community, attended our local schools, and strongly supports our city. Presently, he is a colleague of mine on the Torrance Unified School District’s Personnel Commission. During this capacity, I witnessed his strong understanding of the Merit System and his adherence to the rules and regulations governing classified (non-teaching) employees. Commissioner Furey is a graduate of the Merit System Academy and advocates for fairness, integrity, and compassion for all classified employees. Aside, he is actively involved in other events and activities around the community, such as the Relay for Life, Torrance Education Foundation, North Torrance Homeowners Association and our cultural arts programs. At the core, Commissioner Furey believes in public service and good government.

With respect to the FPPC findings regarding Mayor Furey Campaign and McCormick Ambulance, it is incumbent upon us that we carefully review all evidence, understand the implications, and fairly decide on such cases before us. One fact that should be considered is the Daily Breeze coverage of the controversy. Over the past several weeks, Daily Breeze reported eight (8) articles on this particular issue whereas other FPPC violators in the past were only subject to one (1) article. This irregularity and unfavorable bias towards Mayor Furey and Commissioner Furey undoubtedly creates and fuels anger within the community and should be considered in your overall decision.

In short, we all are humans and vulnerable to mistakes. McCormick Ambulance and Mayor Furey agreed to the FPPC stipulation and the fines; both are doing wonderful work for Torrance. Similarly, Commissioner Furey is doing an outstanding job on the Personnel Commission. Thus, I believe it is time for us to move forward, and therefore, request that you allow Commissioner Furey to continue his service on the Traffic Commission.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Anil Muhammed
Arthur, Patrick Furey Jr. is not named in the stipulation fine. Therefore the fine is not his. He refused to cooperate, as it is stated. You need to read the stipulation in order to have the correct information.
Heidi Ashcraft

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 8, 2016, at 12:49 PM, Arthur Christopher Schaper wrote:

To the Torrance City Council:

I am disappointed that Patrick Furey Jr. remains on the Torrance Traffic Commission.

He should have been removed by now.

He was cited three times for campaign violations.

He was recently hit with a HUGE fine - $17,500 showing deliberate coordination with a PAC which helped get his father--the mayor--elected.

He has engaged in a number of unethical practices because of this behavior.

I am very disappointed to see this still going on.

Last year, this city council removed Arthur Plourde for "pursuing his own agenda."

Furey Jr. is doing more than just pursuing his own agenda. He has violated state and municipal law!

Remove Patrick Furey Jr. from the Traffic Commission!
Dear [Name],

I just wanted to put my two cents in, since apparently the council won't see a corruption problem if the people don't complain. The facts make it seem pretty apparent, even the ones presented by McCormick on Tuesday (which didn't help, but it made it worse, in my opinion), the guilt is obvious and instead of trying to get out of the hole, it seems they just keep digging a bigger hole.

When McCormick said things like "we've never done this before," it made me wonder "why now? why so much money? why go to so much trouble in hiring somebody to help make a donation, etc?" I can see that a contract with the city would be quite lucrative, so doesn't it appear that this just doesn't look right? What also doesn't look right is whatever is going on or being planned for the transition between the end of McCormick's service and the TFD taking over the transport duties. Why does it seem this is being talked about in hushed tones? Don't the citizens have the right to know what is going on?

I'm also disappointed in the "intimidation factor" which seems to be present as an attempt to keep people from speaking out. That is very disheartening.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
Sandra Goetz
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: [Redacted]
Date: April 8, 2016 at 10:02:29 AM PDT
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Traffic Commissioner Patrick Furey

Hello Members of the City Council,

Please find attached, a letter regarding Traffic Commissioner Patrick Furey.

Thank you,

Olivia J. Valentine
April 8, 2016

VIA Email

To: Mayor of Torrance and Members of Torrance City Council

From: Olivia J. Valentine

Re: Traffic Commissioner Patrick Furey

I am urging the Torrance City Council to retain Patrick Furey as Torrance’s Traffic Commissioner. I am on the Hawthorne City Council and I have hired Patrick to be my Campaign Manager since 2011. It has been my experience that he is very intelligent, and respectful of the law. In both of my campaigns, in 2011 and 2015, Patrick very diligently and carefully followed the campaign regulations.

I am also aware that he loves serving the City of Torrance and that the position of Traffic Commissioner is very important to him. Please look at his whole record and ignore the drumbeat of the Daily Breeze. I urge you to allow Patrick to continue to serve and grow to be an outstanding leader in your community.

I am writing this letter in my personal capacity and not in my official capacity.

Respectfully,

Olivia J. Valentine
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Yohan Ruparatne
Date: April 7, 2016 at 8:01:58 PM PDT
To: <grizzo@torranceca.gov>, <mgriffiths@torranceca.gov>, <tgoodrich@torranceca.gov>,
<kweideman@torranceca.gov>, <pfurey@torranceca.gov>, <hashcraft@torranceca.gov>,
<gbarnett@torranceca.gov>, <rpourier@torranceca.gov>
Subject: Supporting Commissioner Patrick Furey Jr.!

Members of the Torrance City Council,

I have known Patrick Furey Jr. and his parents for more than a decade in both a personal and professional capacity. I have always found Patrick to be a person with a high degree of integrity and ethics. He along with his entire family have volunteered a tremendous amount of time and effort for the City of Torrance and its citizens and the city of Torrance is a better place because of them.

Patrick Furey Jr. has been volunteering on the Traffic Commission since he was appointed by then Mayor Frank Scotto and I vigorously support keeping Patrick Furey Jr. on the Torrance Traffic Commission, and I also strongly support Mayor Furey and the wonderful job he has ALWAYS done in and for our community. I think it’s time to stop all of the political maneuvering and time to focus on making Torrance a great place to live and work – what Torrance has always been known for, not this political battling.

As a resident of Torrance and voter myself, the citizens of Torrance deserve better from the elected officials than this!

In closing, I strongly support Commissioner Furey and urge you to allow him to serve out his term as a VOLUNTEER commissioner.

Respectfully,

Yohan S. Ruparatne
Mr. Picking,

Thank you for your email. I assure you any decision I make WILL NOT be based on anything that is written in the Daily Breeze. Any decision I make on this issue will be based on the State of Ca FPPC written ruling, which I have in my possession. Also Mr. Furey Jr. was fined previously by the State of Ca FPPC for illegal campaign practices for the same campaign, the fine was $1,700.00. I voted for Mr. Furey to have a second term on the Traffic Commission against my better judgement because of this fine. I gave him another chance. The FPPC ruling has exact copies of emails Mr. Furey wrote showing exactly how he was trying to circumvent campaign law.

Heidi Ashcraft
Torrance City Council

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2016, at 2:32 PM, william picking wrote:

Dear Torrance City Council

I am a Torrance voter and I have known the entire Furey family since 1998. I met Mayor Furey when he just a super volunteer in his community, like his wife Terry and their son Patrick. The Furey family serves our city as volunteers in almost every capacity. Patrick has served on the Torrance Traffic Commission since 2012, and from what I understand he has done an excellent job - even personally fighting to increase our crossing guard program budget... a suggestion this city council ended up adopting unanimously.

The Torrance City Council is supposed to be non-partisan. But when an extremist sat on our Library Commission asking to remove all non-english literature from our public libraries, this council met with him in private like adults. And now that somebody who is not an extremist is being attacked by even more extreme people who write blogs filled with racism and homophobia, this council called for his Patrick's head immediately. Apparently it matters what side of the political spectrum you are if you want to be treated with respect by certain members of the Torrance political community. And certain members of this City Council.

Stop the games. This is a blatant attempt to attack the Mayor, who is a wonderful man that served 20 years as a child abuse prosecutor, by attacking his family. This council's recent
behavior is literally one of the lowest moments I've ever seen in our local government. Its worse even than Dan Walker... especially because it is being led by Frank Scotto and the sorest loser Tom Brewer, who had us all fooled that they were above this kind of stuff.

I strongly support keeping Patrick Furey on the Traffic Commission. Any vote to remove him will be met with my personal vote to remove you on June 7th.

William Picking
Hello Ms. Hazzard,
Thank you for your email.

Heidi Ashcraft
Torrance City Council

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 8, 2016, at 9:57 PM, Almandon wrote:

Councilwoman Ashcraft,

Below is a copy of an email we just sent Mayor Furey. We have lived in Torrance since 1970 and have always been proud of city and its leadership. Now our city has been badly tarnished. Our mayor bought his election and rewarded his friend. It is up to the City Council to see that this does not go without serious consequences for the mayor, his son and McCormick Ambulance. Torrance must step up and deal forcefully with this situation so everyone will see what a strong high standard city we have. I urge you to act accordingly.

Mayor Furey,

You and your son have not only hurt your reputations but you have also tarnished the city of Torrance. You made a huge mistake in you run for election as Mayor and now that all the facts have come out I urge you to save yourselves and the city further embarrassment. You bought your election, hid the fact of the donations and rewarded the person who headed your PAC by granting McCormick Ambulance the contract for Torrance City. Torrance has always been proud of being “An All American City” but now it looks more like the City of Bell where positions can be bought.

We urge you and your son to do the right thing and resign your positions.

Alma Hazzard
Thank you, Ray for your email.
Heidi

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 9, 2016, at 8:23 PM, Ray Uchima wrote:

Dear Councilwoman Ashcraft,

I believe you are a very fair and thoughtful person who considers every Council matter seriously, especially involving removing a commissioner.

I do not see any reason why Patrick Furey Jr. cannot be an effective member of the Traffic Commission. Afterall, he has never done anything improper involving his duties as a Traffic Commissioner.

Lastly, please consider his commitment and dedication to the community and his years of service on the Traffic Commission in making your decision.

Thank you very much for considering my views,

Ray Uchima
President
Ms. Dumas,

Thank you for your email. I assure you any decision I make will not be based on what the Daily Breeze states or writer Nick Green. I have in my possession the stipulation from the State of CA FPPC, which very clearly gives all information regarding this issue.

Best Regards,
Heidi Ashcraft
Torrance City Council

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 8, 2016, at 9:47 AM, Kristel Dumas wrote:

Dear Council Member,

In the summer of 1994, I sat in a classroom on my first day at my new high school, excited and nervous about embarking on a new adventure. Since most of the students were from all over the South Bay, no one really knew anyone else and we were put into pairs to meet one another. That day, I met Patrick Furey III. We have been friends ever since. His parents, Pat and Terry have treated me like one of their own. Over the past 22 years, we’ve celebrated graduations, attended each other’s weddings and my husband and I even had the chance to visit the Fureys in Philadelphia, meeting Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Furey I.

The City of Torrance is as close to a home town as I have. My family has never lived in one place for longer than a few years, but my father started working for a Torrance small business in 1986 and still works there today. During those high school years I mentioned, I would often take the bus to Casimir Middle School so that my dad could swing by on a break to pick me up. Terry Furey frequently offered to shuttle me from the school to my dad’s workplace. I lived in Torrance for a few years in college and have been trying to get back there ever since. Whenever I visit, it’s the one city that feels like home.

You can imagine my surprise and happiness when I learned that Mr. Furey II would be running for Mayor. My family supported him whole heartedly.

In recent years, I’ve kept an eye on events in the South Bay, particularly in Torrance. I’ve read a handful of Daily Breeze articles written by Nick Green. Mr. Green seems to have no love lost for
the Fureys. In fact, for a journalist, he seems to have a distinct bias against them. I've learned to take his writings with a grain of salt and would implore you to do the same.

Both Patrick Furey II and Patrick Furey III are men of great character. They love the city of Torrance and are deeply committed to serving the city’s constituents. To remove Mr. Furey III from the volunteer commissioner position he holds would be a loss to the city and a waste of valuable time and tax payer money.

Always,

Kristel Dang, MSN, APRN-BC, NP
Ms. Nitz,
Thank you for your email.
Heidi Ashcraft
Torrance City Council

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 7, 2016, at 3:14 PM, Megan Nitz wrote:
> 
> Councilman Ashcraft,
> 
> I am emailing you to petition that you keep Patrick P. Furey in his position as your volunteer commissioner. I am a Torrance voter that has been close friends with him for almost seven years and know him to be a man of honesty and integrity. I support him remaining on the traffic commission not only for these reasons, but also because of his years of dedication and service to our community. I implore you to ignore the bias reporting regarding Patrick that has been distributed by local papers recently. Thank you so much for your time and attention regarding this matter.
> 
> Sincerely,
> Megan A. Nitz
Patrick J. Furey
Mayor – City Council
City of Torrance | 3031 Torrance Boulevard | Torrance CA 90503 | 310.618.2801 voice | 310.618.5841 fax |
PFurey@TorranceCA.gov | www.TorranceCA.gov | www.Twitter.com/TorranceCA

-----Original Message-----
From: Jennifer Coen
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 3:36 PM
To: Ashcraft, Heidi; Griffiths, Mike; Rizzo, Geoffrey; Goodrich, Tim; Weldeman, Kurt; Furey, Pat; Barnett, Gene
Subject:

Dear Torrance City Council

I am a Torrance business owner and I am writing to you today in support of Commissioner Patrick Furey, Mayor Pat Furey and the entire Furey family. Pat and Terry Furey have been involved in our community for three decades. Whether it was fighting to stop high-density residential development at the Del Amo Mall, leading the North Torrance Homeowners Association, raising millions of dollars for Torrance schools through the Torrance Education Foundation, or restoring ethics to our city government after the debacle in 2006. And on top of that, Mrs. Furey has worked in our schools for three decades, most of it serving our students with special needs. Her work with Relay for Life has raised countless dollars for cancer research. And Mayor Furey, who in my opinion is the best Mayor we have had in a long time, retired from his two decade career prosecuting child abusers to serve our city as a full-time Mayor for just $100/month.

And now we are to believe they are cheaters? They are obsessed with power? What power? The power to make our city a better place to live and do business?

Commissioner Furey is actively living up to his parents' example. He has served our city faithfully as a Traffic Commissioner for four years - first being appointed by Mayor Frank Scotto and then reappointed unanimously by all of you last year. He serves our schools as a TUSD Personnel Commissioner, and he has been an active volunteer for many causes throughout the city - including fighting to change our city in 2006 and 2008 by supporting our previous Mayor and Council. More importantly, Patrick is a true cheer leader for the City of Torrance. He has supported our business since it opened six years ago, and has been an even bigger supporter since my sister and I acquired the business earlier this year. He is constantly encouraging our patrons to "Shop Torrance" to encourage more of our tax money comes back to Torrance. He understands the needs of small businesses and is always helpful when we need anything at all. To top it off, he is even an Eagle Scout.

And now we are to believe he is a cheater? Because the newspaper runs a negative article about him and his family every week?
This should have never been a distraction for our city. But this council has allowed this to continue and continue instead of rejecting the idea of removing the Commissioner immediately. I have read the stipulation regarding the FPPC. It provides no evidence at all and just references supposed communications that were not attached as proof. And the stipulation is clearly a financial settlement rather than a true ruling, and Commissioner Furey, while accused of things without any backing evidence, was not fined nor did he sign the document. In fact the Daily Breeze wrote a retraction this weekend (which was buried deep inside the paper) admitting that they lied about Commissioner Furey being fined.

I, along with my entire staff, strongly urge you to do the right thing. Let Commissioner Furey complete his term as a volunteer commissioner. His experience and leadership is valuable to our city and should not be discarded. And please stop playing games and removing commissioners. This city never removed commissioners except under Dan Walker and now you have already removed one and want to remove another. I'm sure commissioners throughout the city are wondering why they would want to serve anymore because they could be removed for political reasons too.

Please consider Commissioner Furey's history of service to our community. Reject the cries of a biased newspaper and the most extreme elements of our community.

Jennifer Coen
Old Torrance Coffee and Tea
Pat Furey
Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Amanda Alvarez
Date: April 11, 2016 at 2:24:17 PM PDT
To: <PFurey@TorranceCA.Gov>, <HAschraft@TorranceCA.Gov>,
<gbarnett@torranceca.gov>, <TGoodrich@torranceca.gov>, <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>,
<GRizzo@torranceca.gov>, <KWeideman@TorranceCA.Gov>
Subject: Commissioner Furey

Esteemed Councilmembers,

I’m writing to you today as not only a concerned constituent, but also as an outraged citizen. I have prided myself on living in a city with trusted leaders, with the unwavering ability to make the correct decisions, independent of any bias.

It’s with a heavy disappointment that I’m morally obligated to write this today.

I’m sure you know by now I’m speaking of the concerns regarding Commissioner Patrick Furey.

I have had the pleasure of working with Commissioner Furey over the last 4 years or so through volunteer positions. Never once was I given the impression that he was deceitful. On the contrary, he has always managed to rally up enthusiasm from not just myself but many others on the count of his sincerity.

He has, in the time I’ve known him, fought very much for what he believes in right. I have never been one to form an opinion without looking into the facts myself, and can assure you I have done so in this case.

It is to my understanding all this unnecessary drama stems from the belief that McCormick was given unfair preference when the city’s contract for ambulances was decided. Frankly, I find it
absurd that ANY of you, or any of my fellow citizens, would fall for what is so obviously a political ploy designed to discredit the current mayor.

Anyone who has taken the time to look into this would know that Gerber did not submit the necessary financial information and in effect disqualified themselves from consideration. It’s also painfully obvious that (in accordance with the law) McCormick was the best candidate for the position, as they are able to provide the HIGHEST quality service for the LEAST amount of money.

Knowing that, doesn’t it seem a bit strange to you that the citizens dependent upon these services and even elected officials would be opposed to this? There is no way anyone can honestly tell me his or her opposition isn’t politically motivated.

Having looked more into this matter, I found that the Fair Political Practices Committee (FPPC) unfairly fined the PAC as they (the FPPC) themselves weren’t even clear on the rules! They had to go back and define them A YEAR AFTER THE ELECTION. I ask you again, can you honestly tell me that that makes any sense? How can one be responsible for a retroactive redefining of the rules? The entire thing was ridiculous, and the fact that it dragged on and ended in such a massive fine is beyond comprehension.

I’m frankly disgusted that this calls into question Commissioner Furey’s character, and even more so that any of you would pursue this. It has been clear that Mr. Nick Green of the Daily Breeze has been biased against Commissioner Furey since the onset of the 2014 Mayoral race. The fact that not only did he retain his job and title as a “journalist” is a complete joke.

It came as no surprise to me, and I’m sure to many others, that he then pounced on the opportunity to continue a smear campaign against Commissioner Furey in a public manner in an attempt to disgrace him. I will not pretend to know whether or not Mr. Green is doing this at the behest of a certain scorned failed candidate (you know of whom I speak) for who he has shown such a clear bias in the past. Publically, I might add. (Feel free to look up his articles in the Daily Breeze circa 2014, don’t just take my word for it.) I truly wouldn’t be surprised, which speaks volumes on Mr. Green’s and Mr. Brewer’s characters instead of Commissioner Furey.

So it is with all this in mind that I come to appeal to your better natures and ask you to do the right thing. There is absolutely proof of wrong doing on Commissioner Furey’s part, and forcibly removing him from a VOLUNTEER position would be so revolting, that you would not only lose my vote, but effectively ensure that I actively seek to remove you from office. I will not settle for being represented by anyone who remains willfully biased when presented with all the facts. That is not someone who should be a leader.

Respectfully yours,

Amanda Alvarez
From: Marla Shwartz
Date: April 10, 2016 at 5:23:39 PM PDT
To: Pat Furey <pfurey@torranceca.gov>, Gene Barnett <gbarnett@torranceca.gov>, Mike Griffiths <mgriffiths@torranceca.gov>, Heidi Ashcraft <hashcraft@torranceca.com>, Geoff Rizzo <grizzo@torranceca.com>, Tim Goodrich <tgoodrich@torranceca.gov>, Kurt Weideman <kweideman@torranceca.com>
Subject: Item 12D on 4/12/16 Agenda

Mayor and Council,

Please be particularly diligent as you consider this sensitive item and please suspend any personal agenda you may have in your own minds. Please refrain from responding to any undisclosed pressure you may be under to vote a certain way. Please consider carefully what you learn about this item and its impact on other commissioners whose actions may be under scrutiny and that are viewed through a political lens rather than a lens that sees the city’s best interests as a priority. Please act with caution as you consider the basis of this issue and its promoters and their causes which I don’t believe have anything to do with what is good for Torrance.

I am most comfortable from what I learned at the last Council Meeting that removing Patrick Furey, Jr. from the Traffic Commission is not appropriate. My sense is that your honorable body heard the truth at that same Council Meeting and you can be confident that keeping Mr. Furey on the Commission is the morally right decision given what was presented at the meeting and clarified by your questions. I believe the majority of the community is very much ready to move forward and get back to issues that impact our city as evidenced by their lack of questioning of current City Council candidates for election regarding this issue. My preference is to take the evidence presented to you publicly, and not from an editorial in the local newspaper whose goal is to earn money (as it should be), and not to act on behalf of what is good for our city.
Patrick J. Furey
Mayor
City of Torrance
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Robert Habel
Date: April 7, 2016 at 11:18:11 AM PDT
To: "mgriffiths@torrance.ca.gov" <mgriffiths@torrance.ca.gov>, Torrance Councilmember Tim Goodrich <tgoodrich@torrance.ca.gov>, "hashcraft@torrance.ca.gov" <hashcraft@torrance.ca.gov>, Gene Barnett <gbarnett@torrance.ca.gov>, "grizzo@torrance.ca.gov" <grizzo@torrance.ca.gov>, "kweideman@torrance.ca.gov" <kweideman@torrance.ca.gov>, Pat Furey <pfurey@torrance.ca.gov>
Subject: Traffic Commissioner Patrick Furey Jr.
Reply-To: Robert Habel <rphabel@yahoo.com>

Mayor and Council Persons,

I would like to see the city council NOT remove Patrick Furey Jr. from the Traffic Commission. In my opinion, there seems to be some major biases from our local paper and I would hope that the council would ignore what they read in this daily publication.

Patrick and I have served on the Traffic Commission together for several years. I have found that his decision making is always in the best interest of the city and the public he serves.

Thank you,
Bob Habel
Traffic Commissioner
Patrick J. Furey  
Mayor  
City of Torrance  
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Douglas  
Date: April 7, 2016 at 7:43:14 PM PDT  
To: "hashcraft@torranceca.gov" <hashcraft@torranceca.gov>, "gbarnett@torranceca.gov" <gbarnett@torranceca.gov>, "murffiths@torranceca.gov" <murffiths@torranceca.gov>, "tgoodrich@torranceca.gov" <tgoodrich@torranceca.gov>, "grizzo@torranceca.gov" <grizzo@torranceca.gov>, "kweideman@torranceca.gov" <kweideman@torranceca.gov>, "pfurey@torranceca.gov" <pfurey@torranceca.gov>  
Subject: Patrick Furey Jr.

Dear esteemed Council Members,

I am writing the Council on the matter involving Patrick Furey, Jr. and your upcoming decision related to his volunteer position on the City of Torrance Traffic Commission. Over the last few years through my prior involvement with the Torrance Police Officer’s Association, I have come to know both the Mayor and his son. Most importantly, I have come to know them both as men of high character and have witnessed their selfless actions and commitment to improve the great City of Torrance. While deciding this matter at hand, I would urge you all to consider where this attack is coming from and the motivation behind it. Also, it is important to recognize the press coverage of these events is slanted from the same direction by a reporter the TPOA has had a standard operating procedure of giving no comment to for the very reasons I am citing. I hope a look at the big picture will lead you to the resolution of allowing Patrick Furey Jr. to continue as a City of Torrance Traffic Commissioner.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Doug Hath  
Former President of the Torrance Police Officer’s Association.
From: Monica Fredericks  
Date: April 8, 2016 at 9:15:36 AM PDT  
To: <HAshcraft@TorranceCA.gov>, "gbarnett@TorranceCA.gov"  
<gbarnett@TorranceCA.gov>, Tim Goodrich <igoodrich@torranceca.gov>,  
<mgurifths@TorranceCA.gov>, <grizzo@TorranceCA.gov>, <kwiedeman@TorranceCA.gov>,  
"PFurey@TorranceCa.gov" <PFurey@TorranceCa.gov>  
Subject: Patrick P Furey City of Torrance Traffic Commissioner  

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing this to let you know my thoughts on the removal of Patrick P. Furey as a City of Torrance Traffic Commissioner. I have known Patrick P. Furey for more than 10 years. Patrick has served two consecutive terms and is currently serving as the Classified Employees Personnel Commissioner at Torrance Unified School District. As a Personnel Commissioner, Patrick has in the past and continues to demonstrated his adherence to California Education Codes to be above reproach.

I have read the Fair Political Practice Commission State of California Case (FPPC) number 14/1118 Stipulation Decision and Order. What disturbs me most about this entire affair is that Patrick P. Fury was not named as a respondent in the action. Patrick P. Furey did not agree to the decision, he could not as he was not a party to the action. Therefore, Patrick P. Furey has not been fined or found to be responsible by the FPPC in Case Number 14/1118.

I am saddened to, once again, be reminded of a time, the "Dan Walker" days, when Torrance was plagued by political posturing that was played out in the media. Thank you for your time and consideration of my thoughts.

Monica Fredericks
TUSD Retired Classified Employee
Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am very grateful to the majority (5) of you who so eloquently and responsibly returned our city government to its status of integrity. You demonstrated insight, thoughtfulness, and the intention of doing what is in the best interests of our city as we move through this difficult time. I have been reminded by your votes and discussion of what is so very good about our city leadership. Thank you. I am encouraged to keep my communication on going with you.

Thank goodness for this return to government transparency and decency. It’s interesting to note that we have the McCormick people to thank for this in large part. I am pleased to see that now you can take your energy and focus on the matters that impact our community – the refinery, the traffic, safety, budgets, the relationship with our school district, and the like, as I requested in my email to you last Tuesday. There is no need to focus on personal agendas that are only a reflection of a few folks with selfish and hostile motives that are negative and unworthy beyond just listening to them. Now, I trust that the rest of you on the council will join in this endeavor and focus on what is best for our city.

I understand the agony of negative intention and ill-mannered motivation especially over the last several days with respect to my own situation. I can only imagine the pain of this terrible behavior covering the last two years for you, Mayor. This said, I ask that name-calling cease, no matter how accurate it may be, so that the focus remains on city issues. I know this is very difficult given the personal attacks that have been made
against you and your beloved son. I am reminded that we have one local newspaper really where we garner our city's news, so let's be better than its notoriously mean spirited reporter and provide him with what he needs to become an accurate reporter. I like to think we will get a more appropriate response if we treat him with kindness and dignity; perhaps he will rise to the occasion, or won't, but at least we will have taken the high road.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Marla Shwarts
Pat Furey
Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: pgreen@torrance.ca.gov
Date: April 11, 2016 at 3:00:01 PM PDT
To: <pfurey@torrance.ca.gov>
Subject: Mayor Pat Furey and Patrick Furey

Hello,

I am a Torrance resident and can't believe all of the unnecessary negativity that I have been reading from Nick Green in the Daily Breeze regarding Mayor Pat Furey and Patrick Furey Jr. The situation has been depicted inaccurately and it is unjust of the council to consider firing Patrick from a volunteer position after he has paid the fine for a minor act that is "frowned" upon, but not illegal as Nick has written. It is my hope that the council will be upstanding in their decision and allow Patrick Furey Jr. to remain on the council.

Sincerely,

Melanie Raemisch
From: Taylor Stevens
Date: April 11, 2016 at 2:54:04 PM PDT
To: <pfurey@torranceca.gov>
Subject: Mayor Pat Furey & Patrick Furey Jr.

Hello,

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Patrick J. Furey
Mayor
City of Torrance
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Class
Date: April 10, 2016 at 9:14:30 PM PDT
To: Pat Furey <pfurey@torranceca.gov>
Subject: Patrick Furey Junior

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Patrick J. Furey
Mayor
City of Torrance
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Judy B [REDACTED]
Date: April 10, 2016 at 8:52:27 PM PDT
To: Mayor Pat Furey <pfurey@torranceca.gov>
Subject: Your loyal supporters
Reply-To: Judy B [REDACTED]

Dear Pat,

I am very sorry to hear about what is happening to you during council meetings and in the newspaper. It sounds like a witch-hunt, for sure. I have been cautioning people not to rush to judgement and to wait until all the investigation is done and the results made public.

Many of us are pulling for you and are disturbed by what is being said publicly.

I think you are doing a terrific job as mayor, and have been very responsive to what residents wish to see happen in the city. I just hope that cooler heads prevail and that it all is shown to be a manufactured problem.

Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to help.

Best wishes,
Judy Brunetti
Fuey, Pat  
Saturday, April 09, 2016 9:43 PM  
Fuey, John  
Fwd: Patrick Fuey Jr.  
Follow up  
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Pat Fuey  
Sent from my iPad

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From: Ray Uchima  
Date: April 9, 2016 at 8:31:49 PM PDT  
To: Pat Fuey <puey@torranceca.gov>  
Subject: Patrick Fuey Jr.

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President
Patrick J. Furey
Mayor
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From: Almandon
Date: April 8, 2016 at 9:35:26 PM PDT
To: <PFurey@TorranceCA.Gov>
Subject: Your ethics

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Alma and Don Hazzard
From: Furey, Pat  
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2016 4:36 PM  
To: Fellows, John  
Subject: Fwd: Furey Editorial  

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Patrick J. Furey  
Mayor  
City of Torrance  
Sent from my iPhone  

Begin forwarded message:  

From: Rachel Uranga  
Date: April 8, 2016 at 12:57:56 PM PDT  
To: "Furey, Pat" <PFurey@torranceca.gov>, Jessica Keating  
Ce:  
Subject: Re: Furey Editorial  

Mayor Furey,  

I appreciate your note and apologize for the error.  
There will be a correction in the newspaper tomorrow that will address this. Unfortunately, this  
doesn't change our position. Your son was the campaign manager for Pat Furey for Mayor 2014,  
which was the target of the FPPC investigation and fine.  
This is certainly an issue we are going to continue to follow and we would welcome a deeper  
conversation with you.  
Please feel free to contact me anytime.  

Sincerely,  
Rachel Uranga  

On Fri, Apr 8, 2016 at 9:43 AM, Furey, Pat <PFurey@torranceca.gov> wrote:  
Rachel:  

Attached is the actual stipulation that was accepted by the FPPC. Please read it and advise me  
where it indicates that my son was fined.  

Although he is mentioned in the attachment. He was not a party to the settlement/stipulation, he  
was not fined.  

And, the folks from McCormick Ambulance explained what happened publicly last Tuesday  
night at the council meeting.
Don't take my word for it, watch the meeting tape, read the stipulation, ask your legal counsel or the FPPC. I think that you would agree that it is most important to get facts correct in anything published - news or opinion.

Rachel Uranga
Fellows, John

From: Furey, Pat
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2016 4:37 PM
To: Fellows, John
Subject: Fwd: Life's Pressures!

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Patrick J. Furey
Mayor
City of Torrance
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cindy Contantino
Date: April 8, 2016 at 10:57:55 AM PDT
To: <pfurey@torranceca.gov>
Subject: Life's Pressures!

Hang in there Mayor Furey! Cindy Constantino

Sent from my iPhone
Patrick J. Furey
Mayor
City of Torrance
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Megan Nitz
Date: April 7, 2016 at 2:34:30 PM PDT
To: <pfurey@torranceca.gov>
Subject: RE: Patrick P. Furey

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Megan A. Nitz
Patrick J. Furey  
Mayor  
City of Torrance  
Sent from my iPhone  

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From: Frank Estrada  
Date: April 7, 2016 at 11:52:24 AM PDT  
To: <gbarnett@torranceca.gov>  
Cc: pfurey@torranceca.gov  
Subject: Pat Furey  

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Regards  
Frank M Estrada  

Sent from my iPad
Fellows, John

From: Furey, Pat
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2016 4:41 PM
To: Fellows, John
Subject: Fwd: Ethics

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Patrick J. Furey
Mayor
City of Torrance
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Chris Gooch
Date: April 6, 2016 at 8:39:25 AM PDT
To: <PFurey@TorranceCA.Gov>
Subject: Ethics

Hi Mayor Furey,

I am both a concerned citizen of Torrance and an employee of Torrance and I am writing to tell you that I am disappointed in the way you have and are handling yourself around the ethics of the McCormick contract and the election finance violations.

First, I appreciate and thank you for your contribution to the union contracts that you helped sign shortly after taking office. I benefited and I appreciate your part in that.

However, when the Gerber contract ended and McCormick was selected, I was frustrated with your unwillingness to recuse yourself because how you benefited from McCormick's donation to your campaign. At that time I did not know that your campaign had illegally collaborated with the PAC funded by the Fire Department and McCormick. Nevertheless, I lost my respect for you because of your unwillingness to recognize that there was an appearance of an ethics violation even if you did not have direct contact with McCormick. I believe that if even the appearance of an ethics issue like this one came to light in Congress, there would be major media coverage and punishment would be meted out to the Congressperson.

All this time later, the illegality of your campaign's collaboration has come into the light. I believe you need to acknowledge your misdeed and urge the council to not renew McCormick's contract.

Thank you,

Chris
Tim, it is my understanding that you are having a hard time deciding how to vote on this well deserved removal of a commissioner, Furey Jr. It seems from people in the community that have emailed me that they are not having the same problem. You have a special responsibility to make this kind of decision in an honorable manner. Make this vote with in-put from the City Attorney, the people of Torrance and your own judgment and not how Furey Sr. and his buddies want you to vote. If you decide to go alone with these despicable people with this vote it will follow you thought the rest of your last term on this Council. Torrance voters have a very long memory. I don't believe from what I'm hearing from the community that this will be the end of this black spot on our City and that another removal may be in the works. Do the right thing and vote for Jr. removal.

Sincerely,

Carol Cole Eubanks

Sent from my iPad
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Megan A. Nitz
Dear Mayor and City Council Members -

My name is Ed Mannes, and I have been and continue to be a resident of Torrance for 48 of my nearly 52 years. I went through TUSD, and my children have attended and are attending the very same schools I did. When it came time to buy a house, I convinced my wife that Torrance was the place to live, even though my job was in East Pasadena. I worked for a time for the Parks & Recreation Department, I serve on the Board for AYSO, formerly for Region 12 South Torrance and currently for Area F. I also serve on the Board for TABB. My roots here are deep as are my connections.

I cannot be at the council meeting because I am buried in the heat of tax season. It frustrates and angers me that I even have to write this email. I expect the leaders of this city to be just that - leaders. Political games are bad enough at the state and Federal level, but we shouldn't have to endure this at the local level. In the grand scheme of life, keeping this city a great place to live and leaving it better than when you began your terms should be your only goals and guiding principles. Political aspirations should be left out of decision making when it comes to this city.

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Your actions as a group so far are a disgrace, and I will be watching - do the right thing!

Sincerely,
Edward A Mannes, CPA
Dear Mike,

The following E-mail message was kicked back to me so I am sending it to you again. I did not want you to think I left you out.

Dear Members of the City Council,

Though I have not been able to attend the City Council meetings for several weeks due to my son's hospitalization, I have been able to watch them online and have mixed feelings about what I have seen. I was very glad to hear McCormick's side of the story and felt they were able to clear up many issues surrounding their campaign contribution. I distinctly heard Mr. Roesch and Mr. Chidley state they had consulted with a Mr. Roberson along with a Tina MacGregor (?sp) in order to make sure their contribution was handled in the correct manner. I also understood from McCormick's presentation, that the Mayor was not aware of the contribution and Patrick, Jr. would be one handling his father's campaign. I felt this finally should have put an end to the issue surrounding the Mayor and his son's so-called involvement with supposedly hiding campaign funds; however, yet again I read an article in the Daily Breeze about this issue on April 7th as well as today. I have been quite dismayed with the constant negative press, which our City and our leaders receive on a regular basis from this paper and I feel sad that we the residents are subjected to this almost daily barrage of negativity. I feel this constant misreporting of facts is an injustice to our Mayor and his son and I hope you as our City Council will not pay attention to this kind of tactic but decide from deep within how to move forward.

My question to Council is: What has Patrick Furey, Jr. done to get you all in such a quandary because after McCormick's explanation it seems clear there have been no improprieties taken by Patrick, Jr. or the Mayor, for that matter. My second cousin Sakae Takahashi was a State Territorial Treasurer for Hawaii and most important he became one of the first Asian State Senators. I was told he believed that no matter what part of the aisle you sat on and no matter how much you don't like each other you
still need to try to work as a team to get things done but those of us watching out in the audience or on cable or the internet are not seeing this happen. Instead there seems to be a great discord amongst everyone, which is very uncomfortable for those of us who are watching the proceedings.

I hope you will all reconsider asking for the resignation of Patrick Furey, Jr from the Traffic Commission because the evidence and testimony of McComick Ambulance has made it clear to many of us there was no wrongdoing on his part but the fault is that of someone who he worked with.

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I hope you receive it this time.

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Fellows, John

From: Griffiths, Mike
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 4:58 PM
To: Jackson, LeRoi; Fellows, John
Subject: FW:

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Mike Griffiths
Councilman – City Council
City of Torrance | 3031 Torrance Boulevard | Torrance CA 90503 | 310.618.2801 voice | 310.618.5841 fax |
MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov | www.TorranceCA.gov | www Twitter.com/TorranceCA

From: chris pavis
Sent: Sunday, April 10, 2016 1:01 PM
To: Griffiths, Mike
Subject:

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From: Griffiths, Mike
Sent: Thursday, April 07, 2016 12:12 PM
To: Jackson, LeRoy; Fellows, John
Subject: Fwd: Pat Furey

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Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

-------- Original message --------
From: Frank Estrada [REDACTED]
Date: 2016/04/07 11:56 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Griffiths, Mike" <MGiffiths@TorranceCA.gov>
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Regards

Frank M Estrada

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Dear Torrance City Council:

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Mayor Furey’s unwillingness to recuse himself on awarding the McCormack contract which he was the swing vote is unconscionable. What possibly could better portray an impression of dishonesty or collusion when McCormack was donating through a PAC to the mayoral campaign?

The Torrance City Council appears to implicitly condone the “pay for play” behavior of the Mayor and his offspring. As Mayor Furey proudly boasts of his input in the creation of Ethics training and Integrity Statement for elective office, it appears that it was meant for everyone...other than himself. Does this go for the city council too? The city council should not be portraying a “go along to get along” image.

Delaying resolution or wishing it away on this matter will only bring further outrage and tarnish the reputation of our city.

Sincerely,

Ron Lee
Fellows, John

From: Rizzo, Geoffrey
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 3:45 PM
To: Fellows, John
Subject: Fwd: Support of Commissioner Patrick Furey

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From: Brian Huerta
Date: 4/12/16 3:27 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Ashcraft, Heidi" <HAshcraft@TorranceCA.gov>, "Barnett, Gene" <GBARNETT@TorranceCA.gov>, "Griffiths, Mike" <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>, "Furey, Pat" <PFurey@TorranceCA.gov>, "Goodrich, Tim" <TGoodrich@TorranceCA.gov>, "Rizzo, Geoffrey" <GRizzo@TorranceCA.gov>, "Weideman, Kurt" <KWeideman@TorranceCA.gov>
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Thank you,

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From: Tosha Sperling [redacted]
Date: 4/12/16 3:23 PM (GMT-08:00)
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Thank you for your consideration and attention to this request.

LaTosha Sperling
Fellows, John

From: Rizzo, Geoffrey
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2016 7:51 AM
To: Fellows, John
Subject: Fwd: Support Letter For Patrick Furey
Attachments: Letter to City Council-Patrick.docx

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From: Kathy Kelley [REDACTED]
Date: 4/12/16 7:49 AM (GMT-07:00)
To: "Ashcraft, Heidi" <HAshcraft@TorranceCA.gov>, "Barnett, Gene" <GBARNETT@TorranceCA.gov>, "Griffiths, Mike" <MGriffiths@TorranceCA.gov>, "Goodrich, Tim" <TGoodrich@TorranceCA.gov>, "Rizzo, Geoffrey" <GRizzo@TorranceCA.gov>, "Weideman, Kurt" <KWeideman@TorranceCA.gov>, "Furey, Pat" <PFurey@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Support Letter For Patrick Furey

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Kathy Kelley
CSEA
Chapter 845
President
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California School Employees Association
Torrance Paraeducators
Chapter #845

April 10, 2016

Dear Torrance City Council Members and Mayor,

I write to you today in defense of Commissioner Patrick Furey. CSEA selected Patrick Furey as its appointee to the Torrance Unified School District’s Personnel Commission in 2012 because of his strong beliefs and knowledge of the Merit System. Mr. Furey has proven to be an excellent choice and has always acted honorably and performed his duties with the utmost ethics and integrity.

It is because of these qualities that Mr. Furey was reappointed to the Personnel Commission by CSEA Chapter #845 and its 465 members in 2015. We continue to support our decision.

Please consider this when deliberating.

Thank you,

Kathy Kelley
President
Chapter 845
Dear Mr. Fellows,

I am very upset with the behavior of Mayor Furey. He is very arrogant, intimidating and accusatory. It is clear to me that he and his son Patrick, Jr. have done us wrong with their unethical behavior as found by the state Fair Political Practices Commission. Now we need to know whether any of our municipal election code was violated which the mayor has sworn to uphold. We are confident that your office will fully investigate this matter to remove the cloud of suspicion and restore trust and transparency in our city government. I was disturbed on March 15 when the mayor questioned assistant city attorney Patrick Sullivan regarding adjudication. I learned later that attorney Sullivan was required to respond to the mayor which made the appearance of rising to his defense. It was a cheap attempt of the mayor to pull your office into defending his personal behavior. I lost all my respect for Mayor Furey on April 5 with his rant immediately after the council had passed a motion in his favor. He showed nothing but hate for Nick Green (Kinda stupid when Green carries the pen) and citizens of Torrance, likable or not. We look forward to your expeditious and thorough examination of this matter. Thank you.

Gene Koester, Torrance Resident and Homeowner
Mr Rizzo,

Regarding the vote by the City Council tomorrow, I would respectfully ask you to vote for Mr Furey’s resignation.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Inskeep

Sent from Windows Mail
Member Rizzo,

I have been in this community for a while as you may know. I have been getting many calls from neighbors and friends across Torrance regarding the dismissal of Mr. Furey Jr. Before I give my opinion, I read on the subject, watch Council meetings and discuss the information with people I Trust. I don’t have the in depth Information you may have but in my opinion he absolutely must go. I have spent most of my day answering email, there watching and waiting for you to make the proper vote. Many have said that Wed. morning their signs for you will be removed if you decide to vote for this corrupt person. This are friends from Riviera and all over West Torrance and Southwood. We will be hoping for your vote to remove Mr. Furey.

Sincerely,

Carol Cole Eubanks

Sent from my iPadu
Fellows, John

From: Rizzo, Geoffrey
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 2:59 PM
To: Fellows, John
Subject: Fwd: Mayor Pat Furey and Patrick Furey

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: 4/11/16 2:57 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Rizzo, Geoffrey" <GRizzo@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Mayor Pat Furey and Patrick Furey

Hello,

I am a Torrance resident and can't believe all of the unnecessary negativity that I have been reading from Nick Green in the Daily Breeze regarding Mayor Pat Furey and Patrick Furey Jr. The situation has been depicted inaccurately and it is unjust of the council to consider firing Patrick from a volunteer position after he has paid the fine for a minor act that is "frowned" upon, but not illegal as Nick has written. It is my hope that the council will be upstanding in their decision and allow Patrick Furey Jr. to remain on the council.

Sincerely,

Melanie Raemsich
[REDACTED]
Fellows, John

From: Rizzo, Geoffrey
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 2:58 PM
To: Fellows, John
Subject: Fwd: Mayor Pat Furey & Patrick Furey Jr.

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From: Taylor Stevens
Date: 4/11/16 2:52 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Rizzo, Geoffrey" <GRizzo@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Mayor Pat Furey & Patrick Furey Jr.

Hello,

The situation with Mayor Pat Furey and Patrick Furey Jr. has been blown out of proportion for no good reason. As a Torrance resident, I have seen Nick Green, of the Daily Breeze, make a mountain out of a molehill for one of the smallest offenses of a campaign for which Patrick paid the appropriate fine for his actions. It is ludicrous that the council is voting to fire Patrick Furey Jr. from a volunteer commission position for something he had already paid the price for and reconciled. Many people in the community are upset by how this situation is being handled and especially the slandering of Nick Green. It is my hope that Patrick Furey Jr. will keep his position and the council will move forward in a respectable manner.

Sincerely,

Taylor Stevens

[Redacted]
Fellows, John

From: Rizzo, Geoffrey
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 10:17 AM
To: Fellows, John
Subject: FW: Vote on Patrick Furey Jr.

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Geoff Rizzo
Councilman – City Council
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---Original Message---
From: Melinda Sabala
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 9:57 AM
To: Rizzo, Geoffrey
Subject: Vote on Patrick Furey Jr.

I ask you to vote in favor of removing Patrick Furey Jr. from the Traffic Commission.

Thank You!

Melinda Sabala

Sent from my iPad
Dear Council Member Geoff Rizzo,

This letter is being sent to Mayor Patrick J. Furey and Council Members Heidi Ann Ashcraft, Gene Barnett, Tim Goodrich, Mike Griffiths, Geoff Rizzo, and Kurt Weideman. My name is John Paul Tabakian, Ed.D. I have family roots in this city that surpass 36 years and live in Hickory Park. We all serve our country in different ways. I have been a public servant in various capacities for over 23 years. In my line of work, honesty, integrity, and ethics are rules that we embrace without reservation.

I am proud to call Patrick J. Furey my mayor. It is very disturbing that his son Patrick Furey Junior is being used as a pawn in a game of political assassination of our mayor. A group that I call "Preachers of Hate" are playing a dangerous game of character assassination that not only attacks the entire Furey family, but also the lives of our constituents. To endanger the lives of our community by trying to cancel our contract with McCormick Ambulance is despicable. These people do not have our best interests at heart. These "Preachers of Hate" are aligning with Muckrakers who relish pitting one group against another to accomplish sick political victories.

These "Preachers of Hate" are in collusion with Muckrakers who are trying to encourage the removal of Patrick Furey Junior from the Traffic Commission. It is a far stretch to equate a stipulation agreement with the FPPC as an abuse of public office. In my honest opinion, Patrick Furey Junior is being publicly tried for his love and admiration for his father, Mayor Patrick J. Furey.

I ask that all of you do the right thing and allow Patrick Furey Junior to complete his term of service on the Traffic Commission.

Sincerely,
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Sincerely,

John Paul Tabakian, Ed.D.
Career Pathway Specialist

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From: Almendon [redacted]
Date: 4/8/16 10:02 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Rizzo, Geoffrey" <GRizzo@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Mayor Furey

Councilman Rizzo,

Below is a copy of an email we just sent Mayor Furey. We have lived in Torrance since 1970 and have always been proud of the city and its leadership. Now our city has been badly tarnished. Our mayor bought his election and rewarded his friend. It is up to the City Council to see that this does not go without serious consequences for the mayor, his son and McCormick Ambulance. Torrance must step up and deal forcefully with this situation so everyone will see what a strong high standard city we have. I urge you to act accordingly.

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You and your son have not only hurt your reputations but you have also tarnished the city of Torrance. You made a huge mistake in you run for election as Mayor and now that all the facts have come out we urge you to save yourselves and the city further embarrassment. You bought your election, hid the fact of the donations and rewarded the person who headed your PAC by granting McCormick Ambulance the contract for Torrance City. Torrance has always been proud of being “An All American City” but now it looks more like the City of Bell where positions can be bought.

We urge you and your son to do the right thing and resign your positions.

Don and Alma Hazzard
Fellows, John

From: Rizzo, Geoffrey
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2016 2:11 PM
To: Fellows, John
Subject: Fwd: Keep up the good work and...

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-------- Original message --------
From: Kristel Dumas
Date: 4/8/16 9:53 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Rizzo, Geoffrey" <GRizzo@TorranceCA.gov>
Subject: Keep up the good work and...

Dear Council Member,

In the summer of 1994, I sat in a classroom on my first day at my new high school, excited and nervous about embarking on a new adventure. Since most of the students were from all over the South Bay, no one really knew anyone else and we were put into pairs to meet one another. That day, I met Patrick Furey III. We have been friends ever since. His parents, Pat and Terry have treated me like one of their own. Over the past 22 years, we’ve celebrated graduations, attended each other’s weddings and my husband and I even had the chance to visit the Fureys in Philadelphia, meeting Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Furey I.

The City of Torrance is as close to a home town as I have. My family has never lived in one place for longer than a few years, but my father started working for a Torrance small business in 1986 and still works there today. During those high school years I mentioned, I would often take the bus to Casimir Middle School so that my dad could swing by on a break to pick me up. Terry Furey frequently offered to shuttle me from the school to my dad’s workplace. I lived in Torrance for a few years in college and have been trying to get back there ever since. Whenever I visit, it’s the one city that feels like home.

You can imagine my surprise and happiness when I learned that Mr. Furey II would be running for Mayor. My family supported him whole heartedly.

In recent years, I’ve kept an eye on events in the South Bay, particularly in Torrance. I’ve read a handful of Daily Breeze articles written by Nick Green. Mr. Green seems to have no love lost for the Fureys. In fact, for a journalist, he seems to have a distinct bias against them. I’ve learned to take his writings with a grain of salt and would implore you to do the same.
Both Patrick Furey II and Patrick Furey III are men of great character. They love the city of Torrance and are deeply committed to serving the city’s constituents. To remove Mr. Furey III from the volunteer commissioner position he holds would be a loss to the city and a waste of valuable time and tax payer money.

Always,
Kristel Dang, MSN, APRN-BC, NP
Councilman Rizzo,

I am emailing you to petition that you keep Patrick P. Furey in his position as your volunteer commissioner. I am a Torrance voter that has been close friends with him for almost seven years and know him to be a man of honesty and integrity. I support him remaining on the traffic commission not only for these reasons, but also because of his years of dedication and service to our community. I implore you to ignore the bias reporting regarding Patrick that has been distributed by local papers recently. Thank you so much for your time and attention regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
Megan A. Nitz
Fellows, John

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Date: 4/7/16 11:54 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: "Rizzo, Geoffrey" <GRizzo@TorranceCA.gov>
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From: Carol Eubanks  
Sent: 4/11/2016 3:34 PM  
To: Weideman, Kurt  
Cc: Ashcraft, Heidi; Fellows, John  
Subject: Furey Jr.  

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Sincerely,

Carol Cole Eubanks
Sent from my Windows Phone

From: chris.pavis
Sent: 4/10/2016 1:02 PM
To: Weideman, Kurt
Subject:

Please do not remove Pat Furey's son as volunteer commissioner
Councilwoman Ashcraft,

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Megan A. Nitz
Fellows, John

From: Weideman, Kurt
Sent: Thursday, April 07, 2016 6:59 PM
To: Fellows, John
Subject: FW: Pat Furey

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Mr. Fellows:

I am hearing that the emails and letters you are receiving are mostly positive regarding Patrick Furey Jr.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding you the email I have sent to each council member. My email IS NOT positive.

I usually don’t criticize unless I also offer a solution. My simple suggestion is to remove Mr. Furey Jr. from his position and help restore some voter confidence in our elected council.

Patricia McIlraith - McKaig

(Hollywood Riviera) We pay Torrance taxes!

--- Forwarded Message ---

From: Patti McIlraith

To: "HAshcraft@torrance.ca.gov" <HAshcraft@torrance.ca.gov>; "gbarnett@torrance.ca.gov" <gbarnett@torrance.ca.gov>; "TGGoodrich@torrance.ca.gov" <TGGoodrich@torrance.ca.gov>; "MGriffiths@torrance.ca.gov" <MGriffiths@torrance.ca.gov>; "GRizzo@torrance.ca.gov" <GRizzo@torrance.ca.gov>; "KWeideman@torrance.ca.gov" <KWeideman@torrance.ca.gov>

Cc: 

Sent: Sunday, April 10, 2016 9:39 AM

Subject: Patrick Furey Jr.

Dear Council Members

I am writing to you with regard to Tuesday’s upcoming Council meeting. I hope that you, as our elected representatives, do the right thing and remove Mayor Furey’s son, Patrick Jr. from his appointment on the Traffic Commission. As an appointee, we as taxpayers are trusting in the integrity of our council to do the ethical and morally correct thing and remove Patrick Jr. from this Mayor appointed position.

I believe this decision will reflect very much on the individual integrity and honesty of each of you as elected members of our council. I also believe this issue and the wider implications underlying how this happened, are only the tip of the iceberg. It takes a lot to upset our wider community and get constituents politically active, but the type of government we are presently seeing in our community is doing just that.

My family has lived in Torrance since 1957 and never have I seen our political climate reach such lows. I, as a taxpayer, am outraged that the Furey brand of politics has taken over our city.
Now that the Furey family of dirty laundry is "out in the air" and backed by The Fair Political Practices Commission fining Mayor Furey, Patrick Jr and others, I am paying much closer attention to local politics. I am following each councilmembers' vote, as are many others, who have expressed their dissatisfaction in the direction our local government is taking. I believe removal of Patrick Jr. from this appointment is only the first step of the downfall of our mayor and his supporters.

Vote for your constituents who elect you to govern with honesty and integrity and remove Patrick Jr from this appointment.

Patricia McKaig
South Torrance