Council Meeting of
October 24, 2006

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Community Services Department – Update of Library and Park Improvement Projects in the North Torrance Area.

The Community Services Department provides a wide range of informational, recreational, cultural, and educational programs and services for persons of all ages and abilities with an emphasis on serving the City's youth. In addition, the Department is responsible for providing proper management, maintenance, and stewardship of the City's libraries, recreational facilities, parks, landscaped areas, and natural resources.

The following list provides an update of enhancements to the library and park facilities that serve the North Torrance community.

North Torrance Library and Parks Improvement Projects Update

- **Columbia Park**
  - Master Plan Completed
  - Request for Proposal being developed to solicit a Landscape Architect to develop plans, specifications, and bid documents for the Master Plan Improvements
  - Improvements will include: walkway security lighting, improved restroom lighting, new picnic area near 190th street, new irrigation system, refurbished pathways, reconfiguration of youth soccer fields to maximize usage efficiencies, and a new parking lot installed on the Edison Right-away with access from 190th street
  - Climbing Rocks Play Equipment to be installed in the former Fire Truck Area
  - AYSO\ALSO maintenance agreement achieved for Sports Field #3.
  - Continued landscape enhancement with trees provided by Soka Gakkai Inc.

- **Descanso Park**
  - Walkway Security Lighting to be upgraded

- **El Nido Park**
  - Walkway Security Lighting to be upgraded
  - Sport Field Lights to be upgraded
  - Driveway to be widened to accommodate enter and exit at same time
  - Turf Improvements near basketball court to be installed

- Maintenance Area cleaned up

- **Guenser Park**
  - Walkway Security Lighting upgraded
  - Play Equipment replaced

- **La Carretera Park**
  - Walkway Security Lighting upgraded
  - Play Equipment replaced

- **McMaster Park**
  - Master Plan Completed
  - If funding for the Master Plan becomes available, the following improvements will take place: Construction of a new North Torrance Library, Senior Citizens Center, Community Multi-purpose Room, Therapeutic Recreations rooms, and new Police Community Center
  - Walkway Security Lighting to be upgraded
  - The North Torrance Police Community Center was relocated within an existing recreation facility

- **Pequeno Park**
  - Walkway Security Lighting to be upgraded

Respectfully submitted,

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CONCUR:

LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager