

# **CITY OF TORRANCE INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION**

**DATE: December 9, 2008**

**TO:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**FROM:** Mary K. Giordano, Assistant City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Additional Information regarding the Council Meeting  
of December 9, 2008

Attached are responses to questions that have arisen regarding Council Agenda Items 8A, 12E, and 13A on this evening's agenda.

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cc: City Clerk

### **COUNCIL ITEM 8A – Community Development Department**

**Q. What were the other Earth Day events that the commission/staff believed conflicted with a potential Torrance earth day event?**

A. The City generally does some kind of marsh clean-up event for Earth Day. The City of Los Angeles, City of Santa Monica and various other entities also have events held on earth day. The Commission wanted to do something that would stand alone and not have to compete with other Earth Day events for attendance and attention.

### **COUNCIL ITEM 12E – General Services Department**

**Q. Did we prosecute the individuals who had vandalized the Torrance Park restroom? Did they compensate the City for the damages?**

A. From Police Chief John Neu:

In regards to 12E we do not have any suspect information, so no arrests or compensation has been obtained.

A. From Randy Seller, Risk Management, Human Resources:

The City of Torrance Fire Department responded, put out the fire, and conducted an investigation. It is not known who started the fire. Therefore no arrests were made. However, The City does have property insurance covering fire damage to City buildings, subject to a \$100,000 deductible. The City has notified its insurance carrier(s) of this loss and will be seeking payment for damages above \$100,000.

### **COUNCIL ITEM 13A – City Treasurer and Finance Departments**

**Q. How has the City previously been collecting payments exceeding 90 days of issue? Is this a new vendor? Do the fees cover only the costs of service or do they compensate the city for the time value of money (i.e., the potential interest the city would have earned had the parking tickets been paid on time.)?**

A. In reference to Parking Citations our only recourse has been Dept. of Motor Vehicle - Registration and Franchise Tax Board. Once these two avenues have been used we have no other recourse in place. Law Enforcement Services is not a new vendor they are a sub-contractor offered via our City of

Inglewood contract. Prior to this ordinance a citation would double per State Statue and any fees attributed to the collection these items was a cost to the City. Example last year the City incurred a cost in excess of \$10K for the items sent to the State for the Franchise Tax Board. This ordinance would avoid this cost as an example.