COUNCIL MEETING
July 21, 2008

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Appointment of Deputy City Attorney III

RECOMMENDATION: Recommendation of the City Attorney that the City Council appoint Patrick Sullivan to the position of Deputy City Attorney III.

Funding

Funding exists within the current departmental budget.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The City Charter provides that the City Council, on the recommendation of the City Attorney, may appoint Assistant and Deputy City Attorneys in order to carry out the duties of the Office of the City Attorney.

An attorney vacancy currently exists in the City Attorney's office due to the retirement of Chief Deputy City Attorney (Deputy City Attorney III) Robert Acciani.

With the retirement of Mr. Acciani, the City Attorney is recommending the appointment of Patrick Sullivan to the position of Deputy City Attorney III. Mr. Sullivan first worked in the City Attorney's office during the summer of 1994, when he served as a volunteer summer law clerk. Mr. Sullivan was admitted to the bar in December 1995. The City hired him in March 1996. During his first year with the office he performed both office management and general attorney duties, before being appointed as a Deputy City Attorney I in May 1997. In May 1999 he was appointed as Deputy City Attorney II. During his tenure with the office, Mr. Sullivan has acquired extensive experience as a municipal lawyer. He has served as a criminal prosecutor, represented the city in a variety of civil litigation matters, and served as counsel to the Planning Commission, License

Review Board, the Municipal Area Express and the Smart Team. He has provided legal advice and representation to city departments on a wide variety of issues. The City Attorney wholeheartedly recommends that Your Honorable Body appoint Patrick Sullivan to the position of Deputy City Attorney III.

Funding for this position is available in the department's budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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Law Office Administrator

CONCUR:

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John L. Fellows III, City Attorney

NOTED:

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LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager