

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-121

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HONORING
 POLICE LIEUTENANT
 LLOYD L. DE GONIA
 UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY
 AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE**

- WHEREAS,** Lloyd De Gonja began his law enforcement career in September 1979 as a Police Officer with the Manhattan Beach Police Department, and was hired by the Torrance Police Department as a Lateral Entry Police Officer on June 11, 1984. Officer De Gonja was promoted to Sergeant on December 1, 1993, and to Lieutenant on December 24, 2006; and
- WHEREAS,** Lloyd served in various assignments within the Police Department, including Patrol as an Officer; Gang Detail as a Field Training Officer, Field Sergeant, and Watch Commander; Detective Division as the Crimes Property Sergeant; in the Vice and Narcotics Division; and, as the Sergeant in the Research and Training Division; and
- WHEREAS,** Lloyd was considered an outstanding employee who led by example. As the SWAT Team Leader he planned and coordinated the team's training. By sharing his accumulated knowledge and years of experience, he helped prepare the team members to be ready to respond to any emergency; and
- WHEREAS,** as part of the FTO Committee, Lloyd stressed officer safety and coordinated the updating of the Supervisor's Field Operational Manual. He would put in extensive time and effort into developing and evaluating training classes used by the Department; and
- WHEREAS,** Lt. De Gonja has received numerous letters of commendation from citizens, attorneys, the Department of Justice and other agencies regarding his skill and willingness to share his knowledge which helped emphasize the teamwork between the Department and our community; and
- WHEREAS,** Lloyd has provided 25 years of dedicated service to the City of Torrance and has unselfishly used his many skills for the benefit of the Police Department and the citizens of Torrance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Torrance, California, does hereby commend, honor, and congratulate

LLOYD L. DE GONIA

for his dedication, professionalism, and contributions to the City of Torrance while in our employ; and, be it further resolved, that Lloyd be wished a full and rewarding life in his retirement years.

INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of December 2009.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

by _____
Patrick Q. Sullivan, Deputy City Attorney

Mayor Frank Scotto

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, City Clerk