

Attachment A

A Yes vote on Measure A saves tax dollars -- extremely important in the present economy. Our City and schools need every dollar they can get to provide the services our citizens and children deserve.

In an effort to save money, the Torrance City Council and the Torrance Unified School District have agreed to consider consolidating their future elections. To begin that process, we must first change the City's election date to a stand-alone date.

At present City of Torrance elections are coordinated with the June state-wide primary election, controlled by the County of Los Angeles. This arrangement, originally intended to increase local voter participation, did not demonstrate a sustained increase. Serious local issues appear to have a greater impact on local voting patterns. The County has charged the city as much as \$250,000, to conduct these elections, costs which could easily increase in the future. Torrance Unified School District Board of Education elections are held in November, also controlled by the County. Last November the County charged TUSD \$311,000 for its election!

By changing the Torrance election date to the last Tuesday in April of even years, the City of Torrance will be able to manage our own local election with lower costs and better service. Future consolidation of city and school board elections could provide cost savings of \$250,000 or more every two years -- saving our city and schools much needed revenue, and giving our community local control of our elections.

Changing the City of Torrance election date to a locally controlled election date -- saving precious tax money -- makes sense. That is why this proposal is supported by:

Torrance City Council
TUSD Board of Education
Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce
Torrance Police and Firefighters Associations
former Mayor Dee Hardison, and many others.

Vote YES on Measure A -- financially prudent, and the right thing to do!