

Council Meeting of
January 25, 2011

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: City Manager – Adopt an ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE 20 OF CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND DISSOLVING THE TORRANCE ETHICS AND INTEGRITY COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve an ORDINANCE repealing Article 20 of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the Torrance Municipal Code and dissolving the Torrance Ethics and Integrity Committee and approving an Ordinance summary for publication.

FUNDING:

Not applicable

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

On January 11, 2011, Your Honorable Body gave direction to staff to produce the necessary documents to sunset the Ethics and Integrity Committee that was established by Ordinance 3710 in May of 2008. This direction was the result of three recent resignations of the five-member committee, leaving three vacancies to be filled on the committee. As a result of having to replace more than half of the Committee members, the Ethics and Integrity Committee would essentially be re-starting its work and the production of materials supporting ethical campaign practices would be almost impossible to complete for the June 2012 City election.

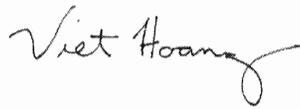
The ordinance presented for your approval tonight repeals Ordinance 3710 and allows for the creation of a new and more efficient three-member committee that will concentrate on the creation of specific materials intended for ethical conduct of campaigns.

Respectfully submitted

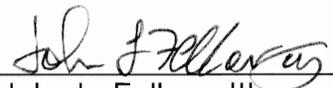
JOHN L. FELLOWS III

By: 
Patrick Sullivan
Assistant City Attorney

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Concur:


John L. Fellows III
City Attorney

for 
LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

ATTACHMENT A: ORDINANCE
ATTACHMENT B: SUMMARY

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE 20 OF
CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE
MUNICIPAL CODE AND DISSOLVING TORRANCE
ETHICS AND INTEGRITY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Torrance previously established a Torrance Ethics and Integrity Committee to develop an ethics and integrity program for the City;

AND WHEREAS the Committee has accomplished a significant portion of its assigned work program;

AND WHEREAS the City Council finds, declares and determines that development of an ethics and integrity program for candidates for Torrance elective office can more expeditiously be accomplished by a small blue ribbon committee with that as its sole task;

NOW THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of Torrance does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1

Article 20 of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the Torrance Municipal Code is repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 2

Any provisions of the Torrance Municipal Code or its appendices, or any other ordinances of the City inconsistent with this ordinance, to the extent of the inconsistencies and no further, are repealed.

SECTION 3

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance. The City Council declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases are declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4

This ordinance will take effect thirty days after the date of its adoption. Within fifteen days following adoption, this ordinance or a summary of this ordinance, if authorized by the City Council, will be published at least once in the Daily Breeze, a newspaper of general circulation, published and circulated in the City of Torrance.

INTRODUCED AND APPROVED the __ day of _____, 2011.

ADOPTED AND PASSED this __ day of _____, 2011.

Frank Scotto, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sue Herbers, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN L. FELLOWS III
City Attorney

By: _____
Patrick Q. Sullivan,
Assistant City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. _____

SUMMARY

On _____, 2011, the City Council of the City of Torrance adopted Ordinance No. _____, which repealed Article 20 of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of the Torrance Municipal Code and dissolved the Torrance Ethics and Integrity Committee.

*****City Clerk to add a paragraph stating that copies of the ordinance are available at the City Clerk's office and stating the names of the City Council members that voted in favor and those that voted against.*****