



February & March 2023
SEASIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



SEASIDE MATTERS



SNA GENERAL
MEETING
WED. MARCH 8, 2022
7-8:30 PM
SEA AIRE GOLF
CLUBHOUSE

**COME FOR THE BASKETBALL TRIVIA GAME!
STAY FOR THE VALUABLE DISCUSSION !**

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER
VIET HOANG and OUTREACH
WORKER VALERIE HERNANDEZ
will discuss
**HOMELESSNESS
IN TORRANCE**

SNA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The biggest change to the look and structure of Torrance in decades was initiated when Gavin Newsom signed **SB9 and SB10 into law last year, ending single-family zoning throughout California**. SB9 allows single-family lots to be split in two so that there can be 2 houses and 2 ADU units on any lot, without any local review or approval. If a City approves, Senate Bill 10 allows property owners to build up to 10 units, plus four accessory dwelling units, on any single-family lot that is within one-half mile of transit, There is no requirement in either bill that the housing be affordable. **Torrance City Councilman Mike Griffiths**, founder of California Cities for Local Control (<https://localcontrolca.com/>) gave a disturbingly thorough review of every aspect of this situation at the recent Riviera Homeowners Association meeting. One startling takeaway; **the Hillside Overlay Ordinance does not apply to ADUS**. To view the Councilman's talk, go to <https://hollywoodriviera.org/> and scroll down to the black bar under Griffiths' photo. To support **creating a ballot initiative against SB9 and SB10**, go to <https://ourneighborhoodvoices.com/> .



Citizens needed to Oversee the Distribution of Measure SST Funds

The City of Torrance is now accepting applications for the Measure SST Citizens' Oversight Committee, to verify that SST money approved by taxpayers goes to the proper recipients. Applications will be accepted through **Tuesday, February 28 at 5 p.m.** Applicants must be registered voters in the City and have completed a short on-line class, the Commissioner Certification Training. For more information, please visit TorranceCA.Gov/Government/Commissions.

LA Metro C-Line Extension Meet this Tuesday, February 21st

LA Metro has plans to bring a passenger rail to the South Bay, and is studying three possible alignments. This meeting is one of the last opportunities for residents to offer feedback to LA Metro Staff regarding the project. The Torrance City Council is strongly supporting the Metro Railway Right of Way (ROW) alignment. All interested parties are urged to attend.

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

from 5pm – 8pm at Toyota Meeting Hall, 3330 Civic Center Dr., Torrance 90503

Voluntary or Enforced Compliance?

Strong grassroots leadership has kept the issue of mitigating **excessive airport noise** top of mind for City officials. On February 14, General Services Director Shant Megerdichian convened with representatives from half a dozen HOAs/ Neighborhood Associations to review their complaints. As **the Airport generates a significant stream of income for the City**, there is a lot of pressure to garner residents' support while pacifying pilots and flight schools. A draft Letter of Agreement regulating take off ramps and days and times of touch and go practice was not acceptable to the residents present because **it would be voluntary, with no consequences for non-compliance**. Additional resident suggestions included landing fees; requiring the use of non-leaded gasoline; the exclusion of violation-prone aircraft; and no additional flight schools. The Seaside area needs more people involved in this important activity. For further information, see the posts under <https://hollywoodriviera.org/>.

Kitchen Waste: Everything in its Place

The State's **kitchen waste recycling program** was explained by Sanitation Manager Chris Kuebert at SNA's September 14th meeting. One of the unpleasant directives is that **kitchen compostables must be placed directly into the green bin or in an unlined paper bag**, because the destination facility in Bakersfield can't handle 'compostable' bags. For more info, plus an explanation of water usage issues and tree care in Torrance, it's worthwhile to review the City's powerpoint "Recycling, Water Usage and Trees" found at <https://www.seasideneighborhoodassociation.org/meeting-agenda.html> Click on homeowners_presentation.pdf.

The League of Women Voters, Torrance, to discuss ‘ Racism and Bias In the South Bay’

Sidney Morrison, Torrance's first Black public school principal, will speak about racism, discrimination and bias in the South Bay, including what he has personally experienced. Join the LWV as we grapple with this continuously present issue in our community and discuss ideas to address it on multiple fronts. This event is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required.

Date: February 23rd

Time: 7 - 8:30 PM

Location: Toyota Meeting Hall,
3330 Civic Center Dr.

To register, go to:



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grappling-with-racism-discrimination-and-bias-in-the-south-bay-tickets-522145791117>

Torrance’s Experts Will Explore Homelessness in Torrance

Deputy City Manager Viet Hoang and Social Worker Valerie Hernandez are the City’s two experts on the needs of, and the services available to, the unhoused population of Torrance. Viet organizes the Torrance portion of the County’s Homeless Count every year, and was instrumental in bringing the City’s Tiny Homes Village to fruition. Valerie, a Harbor Interfaith social worker, is contracted specifically to provide for the needs of the homeless in our City.

At SNA’s General Meeting, prepare to gain insight into the factors that lead an individual or family to become unhoused, and what it takes to put them back on the road to stability. Mark your calendar for March 8, 7 - 8:30 PM at Sea Aire Golf Clubhouse.

Residents meet to discuss the 2022 Holiday Lights Displays with City Staff

On February 8th, 2023, about 50 residents met with City Staff to discuss the problems that dampened the spirit of the Holiday Lights Displays period this year. Representing the City were TPD Police Chief Jay Hart, a TPD bike officer, Traffic Engineer Steve Finton, Department of Community Affairs Director Michele Ramirez and City Manager's Assistant Jamie Le. Sleepy Hollow Resident and Market Research specialist Sabrina Terzian presented the results of a survey she disseminated to 250 households in the Sleepy Hollow area. The 75 respondents named the top three issues this year as the omnipresent vendors, the lack of police enforcement and deadlocked traffic.

City officials' explanations and responses to residents' complaints were discouraging. Ms. Ramirez stated that **roving vendors** are legal, prolific and a problem all over the city; that Cottage Food (home) vending is likewise legal; and that the **City Ordinance** that was passed to keep vendors out of neighborhoods with sidewalks narrower than 6 feet (like Sleepy Hollow) is superseded by LA County laws allowing vendors to ply their wares. She explained that the City has hired a Code Enforcement team whose job it is to "educate," and eventually ticket, vendors who defy safety and health laws.

Chief Hart seemed dismayed when a resident related that she called the TPD non-emergency line to report hot dog and taco sellers with **propane tanks** setting up in the EALs, and the dispatcher replied that TPD could not interfere. In fact, TPD did cause some food vendors to shut down their carts, he said. Hart confirmed that the **Code Enforcement team**, and not uniformed officers, will now handle vendors. The bike patrol officer, who had worked the Lights Displays for many years, remarked that 2022 was "not fun" for him, as there were huge numbers of vendors, vehicles, and visitors all crowded into one place. Mr. Finley of the **Traffic Division** stated that after years of "throwing more resources at the problem," the ever-increasing number of vehicles in the small area leads him to conclude that the traffic issues are unsolvable.

Residents were left to ponder how to restore civility to an event whose popularity has outgrown its location. SNA President Tricia Blanco explained that the Holiday Lights Committee will no longer be under SNA leadership because the City and the neighborhood have now established a solid working relationship that doesn't require an intermediary. Ms. Terzian offered to begin organizing a neighborhood team to continue working on this problem. Residents who weren't present at the February 8th meeting and wish to be included in this effort should email SNA at seasideneighborhoodassociation@gmail.com .



Meet the SNA Board of Directors!

John Blanco
V.P. Community
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Pam Jensen
V.P. Media & Advertising



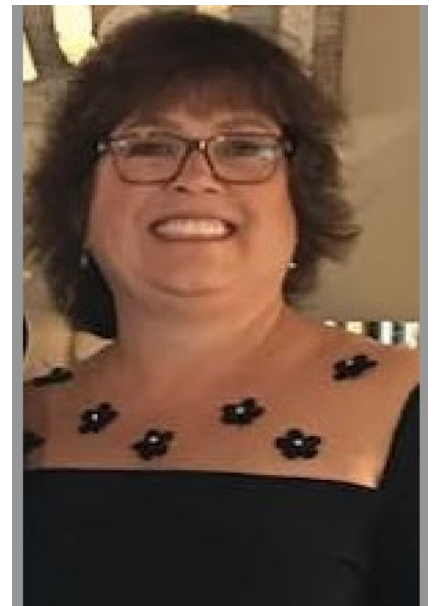
Tricia Blanco
President



Lisa Babros
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Jenna Christensen
V.P. Membership



Melissa Wright
Treasurer

Descriptions of SNA Elected Positions

Dec. 2022 - June 2023

The **PRESIDENT** shall preside at all General & Board meetings, serving as chief executive officer. He/she shall be an ex-officio member of all SNA committees, and shall be eligible to sign checks. He/she shall organize, advertise for and present General Meetings. Additional duties of current President: Write/distribute the Seaside Matters newsletter; represent SNA at meetings with the City; participate in the Coalition of Torrance Neighborhood Associations; participate in the Coalition to Uphold the Hillside Overlay Ordinance and *Our Neighborhood Voices*.

The **FIRST V.P. of MEMBERSHIP** shall act in the absence of the President. He/she shall be allowed to sign checks; shall keep a membership roster up to date; and collect all dues. Additional duties of current VP of Membership: Home visits to welcome new residents; send invitations to join SNA to all new neighbors; send reminders to members to renew memberships; chairperson of Green Thumb Awards and Heroes Park Beautification.

The **SECOND V.P. of SOCIAL MEDIA & ADVERTISEMENT** shall manage, update & post all announcements, advertisements and other content pertaining to the Association on the SNA Social Media outlets. He/she will advertise for every Business Sponsor on a rotating basis, and also follow up with Sponsors to encourage renewal. He/she will also assist as needed in creating and formatting newsletters, yard signs, etcetera.

The **THIRD V.P. OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** shall present new community projects for Board approval and then organize committees and supervise them to bring the new projects to fruition. He/she shall aim to add or renew three Business Sponsors to the Association per year. Additional duties of the present VP of Community Development are to advertise the SNA meetings and activities by distributing and picking up the meeting signs, and setting up the meeting room or event location.

Descriptions of SNA Elected Positions, continued. Dec. 2022 - May 2023

The SECRETARY shall record and distribute minutes of every Board meeting to Board members, and record and distribute minutes of every General Meeting to all SNA members. He/she shall create, print and distribute invitations, certificates and thank you notes for all Award programs. He/she will oversee the election process. As a Board Member, he/she will participate in and vote on all Board decisions.

The TREASURER shall be responsible for all aspects of the SNA monies, including balancing the checkbook, paying bills, paying taxes, and creating and publishing a quarterly financial report. As a Board member, he/she will participate in and vote on Board decisions. Additional duty of the current Treasurer:

Acts as Parliamentarian. Guides the Board to adhere to the Bylaws, and recommends procedures in changing/adding to Bylaws.

**ONLY SNA MEMBERS MAY VOTE FOR THE BOARD.
JOIN SNA TODAY!
New memberships will run from
January 2023 to December 2024**

**THINKING OF JOINING THE SNA BOARD?
ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN MAY 2023.**

Would you like to be on the 2023 SNA Board? Or perhaps 'shadow' an officer for awhile, to see if your talents and personality are a good fit for this organization? We're open to new people and new ideas. Want to talk it over? Call Tricia Blanco, President, 310 938 8338.

BECOME AN SNA BUSINESS PARTNER!

The SNA is grateful for our Members and Business Partners who sponsor the Seaside Neighborhood Association's programs. Their generosity helps make this possible, and we invite you to thank and support them. *Please visit our website for information on how to [become a Business Partner.](#)*



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Join and/or Renew your SNA Membership!

Your \$25. membership dues go towards the SNA Scholarship Award, Green Thumb Award, Holiday Lights Award and neighborhood events. The SNA is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 and your donations are tax deductible within the law. All memberships are valid from January 1- December 31. Contact our Membership V.P. Jenna Christensen, at 310-920-9387, if you're not sure when your membership expires. To pay by credit card or PayPal, click the link below. *To pay by cash or check, please mail or drop of your dues to SNA Membership, 4621 Moresby Drive, Torrance 90505. [DONATE](#)*

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