

MAY 1, 2023 SEASIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

SEASIDE MATTERS



Looking south from her home at the corner of Gaycrest Avenue and Milne Drive, Pamela Combar framed this perfect rainbow after a February storm. 2023 was the rainiest year in LA. County in 18 years.

LIVE SNA GENERAL MEETING!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH 7:00 - 8:30 PM

AT THE SEA AIRE GOLF CLUBHOUSE

PLEASE COME!

SCHOLARSHIPS, BOARD ELECTIONS & FUN!!

SNA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The innovative and/or controversial laws passed by our government leaders, or through ballot initiatives, often become thorns in the sides of residents and municipal leaders when applied at the local level.

On pages 3 - 6, Seaside Matters discusses big problems in Torrance related to such laws.

JOIN OUR FRIENDLY, INSPIRED AND PASSIONATE SNA TEAM!

SOCIAL MEDIA & ADVERTISING HELP WANTED!
We need people to post our Business Partners' Advertisements and other content on SNA's Social Media sites, newsletter and on our website.



NEWSLETTER LAYOUT HELP and FEATURE WRITERS WANTED.!

PARTY PEEPS to PLAN ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES WANTED!

The **SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION** and **LANDSCAPING AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEES** are looking for volunteers. And ... the next **SEASIDE HEROES PARK BEAUTIFICATION** is Sat., May 13th. All ages welcome. Come anytime between 8 and 11 AM. Do Good! Have Fun!

Issue #1: Zoning Decisions are Now Made by the State

ONV Ballot Initiative May Be Our Last Chance To Reclaim Local Authority over R-1 Zoning

On February 17th, 2021, the SNA hosted a ZOOM meeting detailing bills designed to end R-1 (single family) housing tracts. **Mike Griffiths, Torrance City Councilman** and founder of **California Cities for Local Control**, warned that the passage of SB9 would permit almost all R1 zoned neighborhoods in California to include multi-family units, with NO affordability requirement involved.

As you know, SB9 DID pass, in September of 2021, A year later, SNA again spotlighted the fight for local control over zoning. Our meeting featured **Redondo Beach Mayor Bill Brand**, co-leader of an all-volunteer effort to place a local control initiative on the State ballot. That attempt led to the formation of ***Our Neighborhood Voices (ONV)***, a State-wide grassroots organization aiming to finish the job and get a local control initiative on the 2024 ballot.

Lots of money is required to pay thousands of professional signature gatherers. If you want to reclaim local authority over R-1 Zoning in Seaside and elsewhere, now is the time to donate to Our Neighborhood Voices.

<https://ourneighborhoodvoices.com/>



Issue #2: 5000 New Housing Units in 6 years?

Torrance has shown that it has the capacity to add 5,000 new units of housing by 2029, as required by the state. **Ms. Michelle Ramirez, Torrance's Director of Community Development**, shared this news to SNA's members in November of 2022.. The

city's **Housing Element plan** is a framework to allow the production of 4,939 housing units by 2029. If Torrance actually adds that many units by 2029, it would mark a 8.4% uptick in the city's housing stock — a relatively staggering increase. By comparison, Torrance's housing stock only increased by roughly 0.4%, from 2010 to 2021. Torrance can create this capacity, Ms.

Ramirez said, by adding accessory dwelling units (ADUs), targeting commercial areas for housing development, rezoning areas, and enabling the conversion of land owned by religious groups into affordable housing. The City does not have to build the units. Remaining to be seen is whether enough housing will be created to meet the **State's affordability requirements, known as RHNA (Regional Housing Needs Allocation.)** In LA County, the Average Median Income is \$72,900 for a household of two, Torrance needs 1,621 units for households making less than 50% of the AMI. Portions of this article are taken from the Daily Breeze,

10/18/2022



Issue #3: Homelessness

3290 Civic Center Dr. 'Tiny Homes Complex' Granted a Two Year Extension

Deputy City Manager Viet Hoang is one of the city's experts on the needs of the unhoused population of Torrance. Mr. Hoang mesmerized the SNA audience at our March 2023 meeting with his honest assessment of the difficulties involved in working with the population that the **3290 Temporary Housing Village** is chartered to serve. He explained that the most needy of the unhoused people came with so many problems that they were often unable to transition to permanent housing, which is one of the goals of this Complex. As decreed in *Martin v. Boise*, unhoused people can be evicted from public spaces if there is a suitable alternative for them to go to. This project is the City's "suitable alternative."

In early April, the City Council granted a two year extension to this project. Because this is fully funded by grants, no city funds are being used.

Issue #4: Police Officers on Trial

Five years after the killing of **Christopher Deandre Mitchell**, the two **Torrance Police Department officers** who shot him will face trial on voluntary manslaughter charges. Mitchell was killed while sitting in a vehicle that had been reported stolen. The officers fired on him when they spotted what they believed to be a lethal weapon, but which was in fact an air rifle. Partly due to years of protests from locals and Black Lives Matter representatives, Police Chief Hart instituted a Citizens Advisory Panel to signal bias and transparency concerns.

Issue #5: Permitted Sidewalk Vending is Legal

*Huge Crowds of Vendors,
Pedestrians and Cars Create Chaos during
2022 Holiday Lights Displays period*

Years of effort and cooperation between residents, the City and this Association to create a safer and more civil Lights Displays Period experience seemed to be thrown out the window last December when, due to a newly created law making sidewalk vending legal, the Sleepy Hollow neighborhood was flooded with food carts, balloon sellers... Even taco and hot dog grills with propane tanks were set up on the streets and in the Emergency Vehicle Access lanes. TPD took a “hands off” approach to the vendors, very rarely moving them away. The “no vending on sidewalks narrower than 6 feet” law, which was devised to keep vending in check in that area, is now moot.

In a February meeting with residents, **Community Development Director Michelle Ramirez** explained that the City created a Vendor Task Force which includes a Code Enforcement Group. For full information on Torrance’s approach to sidewalk vending, see this website:

<https://www.trendingintorrance.com/sidewalk-vending.html>

Residents of the Lights Displays area are discussing what options remain for them to improve a very difficult situation.



**Want to join SNA's friendly, hard working Board?
We'll find a job that matches your interests.
Contact us at
seasideneighborhoodassociation@gmail.com**



**SNA GENERAL
MEETING
WED. MAY 24, 2023
7-8:30 PM
SEA AIRE GOLF
CLUBHOUSE**

**COME FOR THE CAKE!
STAY FOR THE VALUABLE DISCUSSION !**

- Meet the 2023 Scholarship Winners
- Which Bin is Best? Recycling Game
 - SNA Board Elections
 - Update on Local Issues

**BOARD ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT OUR MAY 24th MEETING.
YOU MUST BE A PAID MEMBER TO VOTE.
SEE PAGE 9 FOR OUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP LIST.**

THANK YOU TO SNA'S INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY MEMBERS!

SNA is an all-volunteer organization that aims to connect Seaside neighbors with each other and with City government. We are a nonprofit, 501c3 group. We raise money through Memberships and Business Partners primarily to fund Scholarships, which we reward to Seaside high school Seniors to assist them with their after-high school studies. We also like to have fun!



INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY
MEMBERSHIPS COST ONLY
\$25 PER CALENDAR YEAR!

The following are 2023 Family or Individual Members as of April 30, 2023. Please join SNA or renew today at seasideneighborhoodassociation.org. Questions? Contact Membership VP Jenna Christensen at homes@cjenna.com

Robert Abelson -Kelly Aumaier-Lisa Babros-Alice Bastian Hahn-Norman Bauer-Trinda & Donn Bedrosian-Anders & Kristin Benedict-Steve & Eunice Bennetts-Tricia & John Blanco-Kirsten Bornstein-Peter Broen-Daniel Burns-Tim Calkins-Marc Choueiti & Keller family-Jenna Christensen-Calvin Calhoon -Ann & Victor Cooper-Michael & Susan Dillenback-Joseph & Sheila Dixon-Michael Emad & Mary Mitre-Maria & Joel Fink-Mark & Jane Hebson-Karen Heitz-Linda Hoffman-Vanessa Isetta-Pam & Kirk Jensen-Bong Sug & Yong Wan Kim-Craig & Gretchen Lindsay-Brent Maille-Dean & Donna Lofgren-Onorio & Maria Marsella-Samantha Martinez-Aurelio & Celeste Mattucci-Jane Miyashiro-Wendy Mochizucki-Thy Nighiem-Tammy & Charlie Peck-Miguel Ramos-Anne Salisbury-Connie Sanchez-Tony & Gerel Santiago-Mike & Brenda Short-Ed Solt-Fred Staudhammer-Nancy Thomason-Denise Torres-Rosie Downey-Kathleen Townley-Kelly & Tim Wedel-Doland & Linda Wight-Melissa Wright-Cheryl Yamashita-Bryn Zbyszewski

THANK YOU TO SNA'S '22-'23 BOARD!

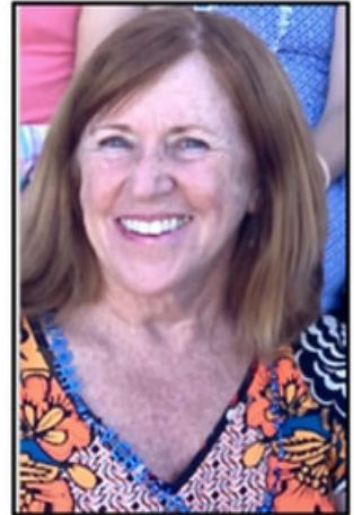
John Blanco
V.P. Community
Development



Pam Jensen
V.P. Media & Advertising



Tricia Blanco
President



Lisa Babros
Secretary



Jenna Christensen
V.P. Membership



Melissa Wright
Treasurer



THANK YOU!



SNA Business Partners

YOUR NEIGHBOR...
SELLING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

JENNA CHRISTENSEN
SEASIDE RESIDENT SINCE 1993

310-926-9887
WWW.CJENNA.COM



I am a



Miracle Agent

Pam Jensen
Real Estate Investors
310-412-6308
pamjensen@remax.com
www.pamjensen.com

RE/MAX Estate Properties
1901 S. Catalina Avenue, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

RE/MAX
Children's Miracle Network Hospitals



Paradise
Pool and spa

CSLB #: 926847




Crittters
Fresh Seafood

Since 1986



Riera's
PLACE
deli and more

ESTD 1946



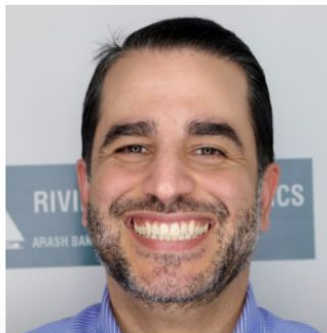

3-1 DEVELOPMENT, INC
DISCOVER. DESIGN. DEVELOP.

Please support small businesses



Baine's
Nutrition
Holistic Health Center

310-540-4826

Self Made
Wax Junkies
Detailing



We  Our
BUSINESS PARTNERS!

www.seasideneighborhoodassociation.org

BUSINESS PARTNERS

Carl Dispenziere, DDS

Pam Jensen - RE/MAX Estate Properties

Arash Bakhtari DDS, MS - Riviera Orthodontics

Rohan Peiris - Fully Promoted EmbroidMe

Jenna Christensen - Engel & Volkers Realty

Nothing Bundt Cakes Torrance

Blaine's Nutrition Holistic Health Center

Mark Hebson - Farmers Insurance

Denise Torres - 3-1 Development, Inc.

Wax Junkies Detailing

Riera's Place

Critters Seafood

Paradise Pools

Roya Beauty Spa

Scarlett Moo



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.](#)*



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](#)*