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A Message From The Board

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When visitors come to the Riviera, they always say, "You're so lucky to live in this beautiful place. It's so quiet with all this open space, greenery and ocean views."

That is true about our wonderful neighborhood, but we can't take for granted that these things will always stay the same. There are mixed-use developments that threaten to encroach on open space and increase density. There are trees and new residential developments that may obstruct ocean views. There are traffic issues that endanger not only drivers, but school children and other pedestrians.

Is there anything we can do to keep our area so wonderful? One thing is to become involved in your local Riviera Homeowners Association!

In the last year, we have spearheaded action to:

- Prevent the Aviad banner tow company from permit renewal, ensuring our skies will be quieter (and accidents won't occur over our homes).
- Fund safety fencing and greenery on PCH across from South High (Note: it's coming!)
- Encourage the Torrance City Council to approve a tree and view ordinance similar to the one in Rolling Hills Estates (hearing now planned for Dec. 3rd!).
- Post a no-left turn sign on PCH in front of the new HMart/OSH (to avoid any more tragic accidents)
- And urge the Redondo Beach City Council to slow the pace of developments along PCH (see the article on the Legado and Cape Point Development)

If you don't have time to become a volunteer or board member, then please consider becoming a yearly member for \$25.00. In addition to college scholarships, your membership pays for meetings and newsletters, which help us keep working on these issues and keep you informed. It is a small sum to help maintain our beautiful neighborhood.

Thank you for your support.

TORRANCE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES FORUM

& latest news on 2 Redondo Beach mixed developments

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
7:00 P.M.

RICHARDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
23751 NANCY LEE LANE

Residents concerned about issues relating to Torrance schools are invited to meet and question the candidates at a forum sponsored by the Riviera Homeowners Association. Four Torrance Unified School District Board of Education candidates, incumbents Terry Ragins and Don Lee and challengers, Cliff Paulsen and G. Rick Marshall, are running for two open seats in the election to be held on November 3rd.

Doors open at 6:30, the program is free and refreshments will be available.

OverDevelopment Update:

Challenges continue for Riviera homeowners, so here's the very latest on what you need to know:

Cape Point/Sea Breeze (1914-1926 PCH, at Prospect):

This developer has, thus far, refused to acknowledge the hazards that would be posed to pedestrians, motorists and bicyclists alike from this mixed-use development, and continues to insist he'll use the narrow alley off Prospect as **the** entry **and** exit route for all 52-condo owners. This, in spite of the RB Fire Chief and so many others testifying as to how problematic that would be. This issue remains with the Redondo Beach 

City Council, with the next public hearing date set for (tentatively) **Tuesday, Sept 15th @ 6pm**, 415 Diamond Street. Whether you're a St Lawrence or Tulita parent, or simply a concerned resident who wants to make sure the traffic problems that arise here do not further increase the flow onto already overcrowded Riviera residential streets or Redondo Avenues, please attend this hearing to let City Council know that this project needs to be DENIED. It must be scaled down, with traffic and parking plans set appropriately.

Legado (1700 PCH, at Palos Verdes Blvd)

Developer has agreed to "substantially" alter the plans being submitted for this mixed-use project (currently calls for 149 rental units and 37,000SF of commercial space to join with Palos Verdes Inn). Redondo Beach Planning Commissioners realize this is too dense, too big and too traffic-producing for this parcel, and have tasked neighbors to meet with Legado, to find common ground and, hopefully, compromises we can all live with. It's clear to all parties that Riviera residents will most certainly be greatly affected by the density and traffic brought to bear by whatever ends up being built.

We hope you will share your thoughts with us as to what you'd like to see at this property, at president@hollywoodriviera.org. Please check back to this site, and "Like" the SaveTheRiviera page on Facebook, for updated information. Legado is scheduled to present their revised project to Planning Commission on **Thursday, November 19th @ 7pm**.

Whether these projects are on your block or not, each of them (and the others set to come) will undoubtedly have an affect on Riviera homeowners for decades to come, most obviously with the amount of new traffic being brought into our already overburdened community. Please take the time to write a Letter to the Editor of local papers, or to Redondo Beach city staff, and - most importantly - show up and speak out at Planning Commission and City Council meetings. In these 2 cases, it's Redondo Beach calling the shots. However, our cities do not live in isolation from each other, and what happens in one most surely has an impact in what happens in the other.



Membership Form

Join the Riviera Homeowners Association for 2015-2016

Year-long Membership to Riviera Homeowners Association is \$25 for one year, or \$45 for two years. Please fill out the form below, enclose your check payable to "Riviera Homeowners Association", and mail to RHA Membership, P.O. Box 1074, Torrance, CA 90505. Or, you can renew or join online through our quick, secure PayPal system at hollywoodriviera.org (click on RHA Membership).

(Please note: Your street and/or email address are never shared with any third parties, and are used only for the purpose of notifying our members about upcoming events and other important information.)

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ DATE: _____

Do you receive emails from us? If not, and you would like to be on our list, please click the **Sign me up!** Button at hollywoodriviera.org

- \$25 Annual Membership for 2015-2016
- \$45 Two-year Membership for 2015-2017

- Check the box if you would like to advertise with the RHA

Additional donation amount: \$ _____