

City Council Candidates State Views



VICTOR E. BENSTEAD
(Incumbent) Steel Worker

I have served the people of Torrance as city councilman for the past four years... (acting) as commissioner of parks and recreation... and chairman of the police and fire commissions. Government in a city of the size and present population of Torrance, with its great future possibilities for growth, has become big business, requiring councilmen of experience, honesty, integrity and ability. If elected, I am willing to serve my city for an additional four years, and in so serving represent ALL of our people — the homeowner, industry and business with equal impartiality.



FRANK W. BURK
Salesman

My candidacy was investigated by the homeowners of the outlying districts of Torrance for better representation. My platform is as follows: 1) To extend the Torrance municipal bus line west of Torrance Blvd. to Hawthorne and south to Highway 101, with connecting shuttle service through all areas. 2) To complete the recreational needs of Torrance with a teenage canteen... with a capacity of about 5200... in a central location, such as our new civic center... and to allocate sufficient funds for our Recreation Department.



GEORGE W. DOWNING
Dispatch Clerk

It is about time for sincerity to reign in our city... I am entering this campaign with the deepest sincerity, fully realizing the tremendous responsibility and hard work ahead. I am serving my eighth year on the Civil Service Commission... and was one of the seven who framed the present city manager form of government... I intend to devote all effort possible to (solving)... the business district traffic problem... the undermanned, overburdened Police Department problem... new civic auditorium... expansion of recreation... and (the formation of) a citizens' advisory group.



NICK DRALE
(Incumbent) realtor

I have served the City of Torrance as Councilman for eight years, and for a part of these years as Mayor. In responding to my friends' demands that I seek re-election to the City Council, I have pledged myself to carry on the good, constructive and progressive work which my record in the past shows. I appreciate the endorsement and support of the Committee for Good Government, and shall do all in my power to see that the program of civic and government betterment provided therein is carried out. It is my belief that in this period of great expansion and population growth, the People of Torrance should have experienced men on their City Council, and I offer my services.



THOMAS E. FAREN
Student

My only reason for seeking office is to give the people of Torrance a true democratic type of representation — representation that will not bow to the select few but which will promote legislation to benefit all the citizens of Torrance. If and when elected I will purpose and work diligently for the following improvements: 1) adequate flood control facilities; 2) pave way for more industry; 3) more recreational facilities for the youth of Torrance; 4) more parks and playgrounds; 5) relief of traffic and parking congestion; 6) street pavement and better lighting; and 7) more city activities.



FRANK H. FROHNHOEFER
Collection Agency

I have decided to become a candidate for councilman because I think that younger blood in our council will keep a better pace with our city's growth. I think that as an independent candidate with no political axe to grind or pressure group to front for that I may better serve my fellow citizens. By daily keeping in touch with the city's pulse it will be possible to anticipate and plan for its growth rather than trying to catch up with it all the time. That way we can eliminate some of the city's problems, such as our deplorable split sessions for our school children, as well as our transportation problems.



W. A. GARRABRANT
General Contractor

Having been a businessman for over 40 years, I am not politically minded but look through the eyes of a homeowner or average citizen. Therefore, if elected, I will consider any proposal coming before the council on whether or not it is good for the greatest number of citizens. I have no obligation to any special interests or minority group. Those who want this kind of councilman will have to do the campaigning for me. I'll honestly serve to the best of my ability.



Robert (Bob) Jahn
Builder

A truly representative citizen's government, convenient recreational and playground facilities for each community, adequate police and fire protection, unification of Torrance into one community, honest, forthright decisions on all issues—the above items as direct responsibilities and not as mere political propaganda is my aim in presenting myself for the City Council. Of course, the flood control problem must be worked out on an equitable basis also. I would and will be a true representative of ALL the people.

Father-Son Awards Nite At YWCA

Due to the Civic Auditorium floor being refinished, it was necessary to change the meeting place for the Father and Son awards from the Civic Auditorium to the YWCA at 2320 W. Carson, corner of Plaza Del Amo and Carson. Morrie Taft, UCLA basketball star will present over 200 awards and player's certificates Thursday. Starting at 7 p.m., the famous Harlem Globetrotter's film will begin the festivities. There will be no charge for the affair. Refreshments will be served after the awards have been presented.

3 Injured In Accidents Over Easter

Three persons were injured in two automobile crashes over the Easter weekend in Torrance, it was reported. Janet Anderson, 4901 Louise st., Torrance, sustained minor injuries after the car in which she was a passenger ran off the road and hit a telephone pole on Hawthorne Blvd., east of Torrance Blvd. in Torrance. The car was driven by Joe Crabtree, 20, of 57 Camino Real, Redondo Beach. The injured passenger was taken to Torrance Memorial hospital for treatment. A two-car collision at the intersection of Hawthorne and Lomita blvds. resulted in minor



WILLIAM (BILL) KING
Advertising Consultant

The administration of the city of Torrance comes under the heading of "Big Business." A man elected to the office of council should be a man with a successful business background. He should be able to think clearly, and act independently without prejudice on all matters that come before him. I would not have placed my name on the ballot for your consideration had I not believed I could meet these requirements. As a businessman, homeowner, and family man I hereby dedicate myself to represent all Torrance in an efficient, faithful, honest and dignified manner and to work with any others on the council for the continuous improvement of Torrance.

driving east on Lomita when his car became involved with a car driven by Dorothy McIntosh, 36, of 22610 Ladeene st., Torrance.



BEVERLY B. SMITH
Superintendent of Service and Supplies

I was asked to become a candidate for the City Council of Torrance by a group of business and industrial leaders and home owners who have felt that my experience in civic and governmental affairs can be used to good advantage on the City Council. I agreed to become a candidate, and ask the people to elect me to this position of honor and service. In so doing, I pledge myself to working for greater civic and governmental services, and I stand on the platform of the Committee for Good Government. As a city councilman I shall do my best to give the people of Torrance a finer city and better government.



Thelma Ledwidge
Inventory Controller

I have been requested to answer the question: "What do you stand for?" Briefly I stand for fair-minded, impartial consideration and judgment on any issue which might come before the City Council of Torrance. I stand for better representation in our city government, better recreation for our youth, and more adequate police protection for our citizens. These are a few of the things for which I would work if elected to the office of councilwoman of Torrance.



J. E. (JIM) THOMPSON
Surveyor's Assistant

I promise the voters of Torrance: First, independent thinking—not the second-hand ideas of some political organization; Second, legislative service to please the majority of the people—the purpose of our government has never been the advancement of a select few; Third, I will do everything within my power to improve on our youth program, parks and recreation and city government; Fourth, fair treatment to every man—no more, no less. I feel that my last six years working with and for the people of Torrance has qualified me to be the type of councilman you are looking for.



JACK E. WHITE
Engineer

I am an independent candidate pledged only to honest, clean-cut administration of your city government. I am not engaged in any personal business enterprise in Torrance and I am not obligated or pledged to any individual, industry or faction. I am in favor of an extensive public relations and advertising program for the city of Torrance to attract industry and commerce to the city. Industry and commercial businesses must be attracted to maintain a balanced, healthy, low taxation city. I will be a true representative of all the people of Torrance and open to suggestion and criticism at all times.



GORDON LEWIS
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No statement

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