

WE NEED TO STOP MEASURE TC

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The Torrance City Council has placed Measure TC on the ballot for November 5 which will make critical changes to the Torrance City Charter.

Of course, the Torrance City Council supports Measure TC--it includes a 2,600% raise for what is their 2nd job (attending City Council meetings).

But, measure TC also contains a hidden secret poison pill--one that the Council will not talk about. NOWHERE is there any disclosure that Measure TC will repeal Torrance City Charter Article 15 that defines the Airport Fund and specifies its sources and uses of money.

This is not just a simple accounting exercise, as the Council claims. Doing so **will remove current restrictions on the use of revenues derived from airport property.**

That money can then be diverted to ANY City use (like raises for City Council members). Repeal will mean that funds generated on airport property will no longer be dedicated to airport operation and maintenance--permitting de-funding of those activities and leading to further airport deterioration and eventual closure of our airport. We all saw last Fall what the real estate interests on the Council plan to do with our airport. Remember Councilman/developer Kaji's plan to "study" converting our airport into a "planned development?"

Voters previously defeated a similar measure to repeal the Airport Fund Article because they saw it, rightly, as big step toward closing our airport. But back then, it was publicly advertised. This time it is purposely hidden within a 49-page list of Charter revisions--some of which are truly needed. They hope voters won't notice the poison pill.

We must convince Torrance Voters to **VOTE NO ON MEASURE TC**. Can you help us again? Mail-in ballots will be sent to voters about October 1 and voting will commence.

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Per the Torrance Government Website <https://www.torranceca.gov> - *If you desire a copy of the ordinance or measure, please call the elections official's office at 310-618-2872 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.-*