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## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING August 4, 2020**

### **N.1 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRAFFIC CONTROL MODIFICATIONS AT TORRANCE BOULEVARD AND BROADWAY**

CONTACT: TED SEMAAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

## Khatirah Nazif

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**From:** Eleanor Manzano  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 4:12 PM  
**To:** Khatirah Nazif  
**Subject:** Fw: Broadway and Torrance is a dangerous intersection

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**From:** Tom Slee [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 4:09 PM  
**To:** Eleanor Manzano <Eleanor.Manzano@redondo.org>  
**Cc:** Bill Brand <Bill.Brand@redondo.org>  
**Subject:** Broadway and Torrance is a dangerous intersection



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Hello Ms. Manzano,

My family lives on Broadway between Garnet and Torrance Blvd. I have been living there since 1988. We, (or someone in my family) go through this intersection many times a day, either walking, riding bikes or driving a car. I personally have witnessed the aftermath of car accidents with pedestrians, car accidents with people riding bikes and car accidents with other cars.

I am grateful that the city is thinking they will take some action to minimize the accidents at this very dangerous intersection. The solution the city implements will be to add additional traffic controls and should address all 3 of the accident types previously identified. Three viable solutions would be ;

1. Traffic signal (red, amber, green)
2. 4 Stop signs, on each corner
3. Stop lights (flashing Red light), one facing each road entering the intersection.

I personally believe making the intersection a four way stop would be the easiest to implement. The 4 way stop is very common in the beach cities and people will become familiar relatively quickly. On the down side of a solution with 4 stop signs, people in a hurry are more likely to do a "California stop" or possibly run the STOP sign hitting a pedestrian. Flashing red lights gives the same function as 4 stop signs with the additional characteristic of greater visibility. For this reason I believe a set of flashing RED lights would be the best solution to minimize accidents at the intersection.

Sincerely,  
Tom Slee

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## Khatirah Nazif

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**From:** Eleanor Manzano  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 3:15 PM  
**To:** Khatirah Nazif  
**Subject:** Fwd: Ms. Manzano & Mayor Brand: My input on Torrance Blvd & Broadway Intersection Redo

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jeffrey Edwards [REDACTED]  
**Date:** August 3, 2020 at 2:19:01 PM PDT  
**To:** Eleanor Manzano <Eleanor.Manzano@redondo.org>, Bill Brand <Bill.Brand@redondo.org>  
**Subject:** Ms. Manzano & Mayor Brand: My input on Torrance Blvd & Broadway Intersection Redo



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I am responding to Mayor Brands request to "Send your comments and/or ideas to Eleanor.manzano@redondo.org to be included in the record. CC me as well at bill.brand@redondo.org".

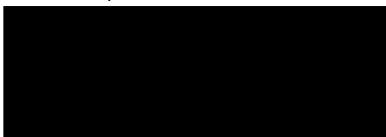
I agree this intersection is VERY dangerous.

***I personally believe that installing a simple 4-way stop sign (with encircling flashing LED's as seems to be the current norm) would be more than sufficient to address the problem.***

Such a 4-way stop is the obvious, easy, and inexpensive solution that has been wanting for many years. As a minimum, it would serve as an (effective) interim solution until it is unequivocally demonstrated that a more aggressive (technically and price-wise) solution is needed.

Thank you,

Jeff Edwards (Redondo resident for 60+ years)



## Khatirah Nazif

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**From:** Eleanor Manzano  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 10:42 AM  
**To:** Khatirah Nazif  
**Subject:** FW: Idea for Torrance Blvd and Broadway

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**From:** Adrian Gomez <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 10:36 AM  
**To:** Eleanor Manzano <Eleanor.Manzano@redondo.org>  
**Subject:** Idea for Torrance Blvd and Broadway



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At Los Angeles Air Force Base a major cross walk has flashing lights from one end to the other on the pavement. It lights up like a Christmas tree. Hard to miss. It is activated by anyone that wants to cross. If the issue is with vehicles, what I have seen are rolling stops by cars on Broadway and speeding on Torrance Blvd coming from PCH. So you may have to install another stop light or just enforce speed limits. Good luck.

## Khatirah Nazif

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**From:** Eleanor Manzano  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 9:22 AM  
**To:** Khatirah Nazif  
**Subject:** Fw: Torrance Blvd and Broadway intersection

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**From:** Deborah Teel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 7:48 AM  
**To:** Eleanor Manzano <Eleanor.Manzano@redondo.org>; Bill Brand <Bill.Brand@redondo.org>  
**Subject:** Torrance Blvd and Broadway intersection



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Good morning Eleanor,

I live at [REDACTED] and I would like to see a "four way stop sign with flashing lights" at the intersection. It would be nice to keep the flashing cross walk there also.

I totalled my car at that intersection and am happy the City is looking at solutions.

Thank you,  
Deborah Teel

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## Khatirah Nazif

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**From:** Eleanor Manzano  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 9:21 AM  
**To:** Khatirah Nazif  
**Subject:** Fw: Intersection of Torrance and Broadway

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**From:** Bill Brand <Bill.Brand@redondo.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 2, 2020 11:13 AM  
**To:** C. Leibowitz <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Eleanor Manzano <Eleanor.Manzano@redondo.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Intersection of Torrance and Broadway

Thanks Craig! I appreciate the input. I lean towards trying a four way stop. It's inexpensive and if it doesn't work, it can easily be undone.

Bill Brand  
Mayor  
Redondo Beach  
[310-809-4405](tel:310-809-4405)

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On Aug 2, 2020, at 10:50 AM, C. Leibowitz <[REDACTED]> wrote:



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Good day,

I will preface this note by saying I own a condo, and live in [REDACTED] at the corner of Catalina and Garnet, just one block from this intersection, and our garage entrance is on the east side of Catalina Ave. So, I am very familiar with this intersection and have crossed it many times in my 4 years living at this location.

While I do believe something such as a 4-way stop with flashing led's around the stop signs, or blinking red stoplights would be of benefit at this intersection, I think that a 'no right turn on red' would have no logically backed reasoning based upon this specific intersection. There is plenty of space to see vehicles coming and I see it as one of the safer intersections to allow right on red. Left turns are far more dangerous onto a 2-lane roads. So that begs the question, would you still let people go straight through or make left turns...both significantly more dangerous than right turns? What it would do is in fact make all residents who enter their

garages on Catalina, have to go around in bigger circles and stop at more lights and stop signs to get home.

I think a stoplight might impede traffic as it could easily get backed up crossing PCH or backing up drivers trying to turn right onto Torrance from PCH. With a stop sign, at least the traffic can continue moving on a consistent basis.

I would draw a comparison to the no right turn on Monterey from Herondo during weekday mornings. This sign serves no purpose in terms of safety, and in fact, causes most people to drive around the block, and make a left onto Monterey, which is significantly more dangerous based upon California's and the Local city rules regarding how close you can park to an intersection. Many states require a minimum distance of parking at 15-20 feet from an intersection, but, due to the number of cars and citizens in our cities and state, California nor LA have such rules.

Thank you in advance for taking my interest in this issue into account.

Craig Leibowitz - Director, Technical Director, Project Manager, Live Events  
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## Khatirah Nazif

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**From:** Eleanor Manzano  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 9:21 AM  
**To:** Khatirah Nazif  
**Subject:** Fw: Council meeting re Broadway & Torrance Blvd

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**From:** sredondobeach [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 2, 2020 8:18 PM  
**To:** Eleanor Manzano <Eleanor.Manzano@redondo.org>  
**Subject:** Council meeting re Broadway & Torrance Blvd



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No on right turn only. I watch people daily break the law on right turn only at Maria and Anita. I think this will happen at the intersection and make it even more dangerous.

Here's my preferences

1. Four-way stop with lights around the stop signs.
2. Round about.
3. Controlled signal

Thank you.

Sandy Marchese

Anita Street Resident

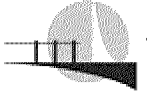
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## Khatirah Nazif

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**From:** charles phillips <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 1, 2020 12:14 PM  
**To:** CityClerk  
**Cc:** Nils Nehrenheim  
**Subject:** Torrance Blvd at Broadway Traffic Control Modifications, August 4 2020 Agenda Item

**Categories:** Khatirah



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I live on the 500 block of South Broadway. I use this intersection frequently, both in my car and as a pedestrian. Here are my recommendations in order of priority:

1. A roundabout featuring a centerpiece welcoming visitors to the beach.
2. Leave the intersection as it is. With the current flashing lights I feel safe crossing North-South as a pedestrian. In a car I never try to cross the intersection going North-South. I only make right turns from Broadway to Torrance and left turns from Torrance to Broadway. I have never experienced a traffic congestion issue.
3. Bulb outs, no opinion.
4. Northbound- Southbound right turn only. Don't care. I never cross this intersection going North-South in a car. I use Catalina or PCH instead. A good option for non-local drivers that don't know the intersection.
5. All-way stop, 4 lanes vs. 2 lanes, not a good idea.

Is the timing of this agenda item related to the current residential construction on the NE corner of the intersection? (Where the Wine Shop was.) What are the front and side setbacks for this new residential construction going to be?

Thanks,

Charles Phillips

## Khatirah Nazif

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**From:** Eleanor Manzano  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 5:07 PM  
**To:** Khatirah Nazif  
**Subject:** Fw: Broadway

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**From:** Valerie Reid <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 4:39 PM  
**To:** Eleanor Manzano <Eleanor.Manzano@redondo.org>  
**Subject:** Broadway

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Please make Broadway and Torrance a 4 way stop. Try that option first before the traffic circle or restricted turns.  
Thanks,  
Valerie Reid  
[REDACTED]

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## Khatirah Nazif

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**From:** Eleanor Manzano  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 4, 2020 9:51 AM  
**To:** Khatirah Nazif  
**Subject:** Fw: Broadway

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**From:** Valerie Reid <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 4:39 PM  
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Thanks,  
Valerie Reid  
[REDACTED]

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## Khatirah Nazif

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**From:** Eleanor Manzano  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 4, 2020 9:50 AM  
**To:** Khatirah Nazif  
**Subject:** Fw: Intersection

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**From:** carrie thibodeau [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 5:50 PM  
**To:** Eleanor Manzano <Eleanor.Manzano@redondo.org>  
**Subject:** Intersection

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Please leave intersection as is or, 4 way stop if you must.. but not a circle please!!!! Or a traffic light! Anything but a circle or traffic light.

Please leave the way it is!

It is bad enough having to get harassed by the transients who hang on the stairs of the church when walking by but Having to wait at the corner of Broadway and Torrance on the church side for a stoplight to change would be worse, it would be standing there for 2-3 minutes of harassment instead of being able to quickly pass by.

Thank you for your consideration.

Carrie Thibodeau  
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## Khatirah Nazif

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**From:** Eleanor Manzano  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 4, 2020 9:50 AM  
**To:** Khatirah Nazif  
**Subject:** Fw: Broadway/ Torrance Blvd Intersection

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**From:** Joanie Neumayer <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 6:34 PM  
**To:** Eleanor Manzano <Eleanor.Manzano@redondo.org>  
**Cc:** Bill Brand <Bill.Brand@redondo.org>  
**Subject:** Broadway/ Torrance Blvd Intersection



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Eleanor,

We are residents and homeowners here in Redondo Beach since 1988.

We live off of Torrance Blvd. and South Lucia and use this intersection probably 3 - 4 times a week. While I do agree we need something, a roundabout would create havoc there with the buses and the amount of area you would need to make it functionally work. Personally, I do not believe people in America really understand the concept of roundabouts. It has taken a few years to have the flow near Rivera Village (the one by the beach). There is no way this intersection gets that amount of traffic.

A traffic light and the cost to do one is not justified with other budget needs in the city. While I do believe something is needed, I vote for a simple stop sign.

If there are any questions, or you need something else from me, I am reachable at [REDACTED]

Warmly,

Joanie & Scott Neumayer

## Khatirah Nazif

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**From:** Eleanor Manzano  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 4, 2020 9:50 AM  
**To:** Khatirah Nazif  
**Subject:** Fw: Broadway / Torrance Solution

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**From:** Karen Montgomery <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 7:25 PM  
**To:** Eleanor Manzano <Eleanor.Manzano@redondo.org>  
**Subject:** Broadway / Torrance Solution



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Hello Eleanor,

Hope you are doing well.

I write to share my opinion on safety upgrade required for the intersection of Torrance and Broadway.

I favor having a 4 way stop as the best solution. A 4 way stop is something that beach city residents are familiar with and would be cost effective.

This option sounds the best, rather than installing a R turn only, or a traffic signal, or a round about.

Please consider for the upcoming vote at tomorrow's council meeting.

Thank you and take care,

Karen Montgomery  
Redondo Beach Resident

## Khatirah Nazif

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**From:** Eleanor Manzano  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 4, 2020 9:49 AM  
**To:** Khatirah Nazif  
**Subject:** Fw: Torrance/Broadway Intersection

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**From:** Aleece Occhino <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 3, 2020 10:23 PM  
**To:** Eleanor Manzano <Eleanor.Manzano@redondo.org>  
**Cc:** Bill Brand <Bill.Brand@redondo.org>  
**Subject:** Torrance/Broadway Intersection



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Hello Eleanor,

First, thank you for allowing our input on this matter! I have lived ONE house away from this intersection for the past 3.5 years and I know that there are constant "close calls" as well as actually accidents that happen here...I literally hear them.

I was informed that there are 4 options. However, I would like to present a 5th option: Replace the yellow flashers with Red (more distinct) Lights that will have those traveling on Torrance Blvd be more aware of the STOP. Additionally, I think there should be better signage posted. EX: On Broadway-Use Caution, Oncoming Traffic Does Not have Stop Sign. On Torrance-Pedestrian Crossing! Use Caution!

IF this is not a feasible option, then I would have to digress to a traditional 4 way stop...as it is on most of the other cross streets. We DO NOT want a Roundabout or limited turning directions. I suppose a Stop light 'could' work if it was directly linked to when a Pedestrian pushes a button. (Like 2nd Street/PCH in Hermosa)

Thank you again for listening.

Kind Regards,

Aleece Occhino  
[REDACTED]