



TORRANCE CITY HALL

Torrance is a fully integrated city, with its own schools, city government, and public transportation system. It covers nearly 20 square miles and boasts beautiful hillside residential areas, a mile of improved beach frontage, apartment dwellings, and a well rounded community recreation and leisure hour program.

The Torrance Fire Department is among the highest rated in the Southland and is now located in a new central headquarters at Carson St. and Crenshaw Blvd. Three other stations house men and equipment to serve the large area of the city.

Industries in Torrance are protected by a detailed zoning ordinance which sets aside approximately one third of the city for industrial use. It is now the home of such giants of the Southland industrial family as the General Petroleum Refinery, Rome Cable Corp., Columbia-Geneva Division of U. S. Steel, Carbide and Carbon Chemical Co., Reynolds Metals Co., General Aluminum Corp., Dow Chemical Co., Pittsburgh Paints, American-Standard, the National Supply Co., Rubbercraft Corp., North American Aviation, Doak Aircraft, Sheridan-Gray, Longren Aircraft, Hi-Shear Rivet and Tool, and Great Lakes Carbon Corp. More than 100 other small indus-

tries have their plants in Torrance and the list is expanding daily.

Public support of the city's rapidly expanding school system through the recent years points to the stability of the city's residential growth. When the city formed its own school district in 1947, it had one high school and four elementary schools. Today the city has two high schools, 15 elementary schools, and has plans for a third high school and several more elementary schools. And the need is increasing with each new family that moves to Torrance.

Voters in Torrance have passed all school bond issues by an overwhelming majority — usually about 10 to 1. The school has made wise use of its bond money, federal aid funds, and local tax funds to develop the enormous building program made necessary by the tremendous population growth.

Under construction today is a new civic center which will include a new city hall, police station, county court building, and swimming pool in the initial development. Planned for future addition to the 35-acre center is a civic center auditorium in addition to park and playground facilities.