

Dominquez

City's Street Names Honor Old Families

Origin of the names of many streets in Torrance goes back to the pioneer Dominguez family, many of whose members are honored in these designations because they were the original owners of the land from whom the townsite was purchased.

Other Spanish, Cuban and Mexican place names are used for some of the local streets. Here are the sources of some of the street names in the city:

ABALONE—a kind of shellfish.
AMAROLA—Poppy.
ANDREO—Boy Andro Dominguez, son of Manuel.
ARTISANO—Street of the workmen. (Now Abalone)
AVENIDA DE LAS FLORES—Avenue of Flowers.
AVENIDA DEL NORTE—North street.
CABRILLO AVENUE—For Don Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo.
CALLE DE ANDALUCIA—After a province in Spain.
CALLE DE ARAGON—After a province in Spain.
CALLE DE ARBOLES—Street of trees.
CALLE DE CASTELLANA—Place name.
CALLE DE MADRID—After the capital of Spain.
CALLE MAYOR—Main street.
CALLE MIRAMAR—Street with view of the sea.
CAMINO DEL CAMPO—Country road.
CAMINO DE LAS COLINAS—Street of hills.
CAMINO REAL—King's Highway.
CARSON STREET—For Dominguez of Carson.
CASIMIR AVENUE—Place name, from Casimir Spain.
COTA AVENUE—For Dona Maria Engracia Cota Dominguez.
GRAVENS AVENUE—For Dr. John S. Gravens of Pasadena, an officer of the Dominguez Land Company.
DEL AMO STREET—Street of the master.
DOBLE STREET—For Edward Doble, founder of Union Tool Company and vice president and general manager at the time its Torrance plant was built.
EL DORADO—Golden.

EL PRADO—Parkway, meadow; a fashionable boulevard in Madrid, Spain.
ENGRACIA AVENUE—For Dona Maria Engracia Cota Dominguez.
FELIOA AVENUE—After a fruit.
FERROCARRIL—Railroad or street of the Railway.
GRAMERCY AVENUE—Extension of a Los Angeles street.
GUADALUPE AVENUE—For Guadalupe Dominguez, daughter of Manuel. (Now partly changed to Post avenue).
LOMITA BOULEVARD—Little hill boulevard.
LOS CODONA AVENUE—For the famous Codona family of circus serialists.
MADRID AVENUE—For the capital of Spain.
MADRONA AVENUE—Botanical name of a species of tree.
MANUEL AVENUE—For Don Manuel Dominguez.
MARCELINA AVENUE—For Marcelina Dominguez, daughter of Manuel.
MARICOPA STREET—For an Arizona Indian tribe—"bean people."
MARTINA AVENUE—For Martina Dominguez, daughter of Manuel.
MIRAMAR AVENUE—View of the sea.
MONTEREY STREET—After a city in Mexico.
PALOS VERDES—Green trees.
PASEO DE LA CONCHA—Path of the shells.
PASEO DE LAS DELICIAS—Path of the delights.
PASEO DE LAS ESTRELLAS—Path of the stars.
PASEO DE GRACIA—Path of grace.
PASEO DE GRANADA—After a city in Spain.
PLAZA DEL AMO—For Mrs. Susana Dominguez del Amo, daughter of Manuel.
PORTOLA AVENUE—For Gaspar de Portola, explorer.
POST AVENUE—For Judge George W. Post, early Torrance civic leader and banker. (Originally Guadalupe avenue).
REDONDO—Round.
RIVIERA BOULEVARD—After the resort area of France and Italy.
SANTA CLARA AVENUE—After a city and province in Cuba.
SANTA FE AVENUE—Holy Faith.
SARTORI AVENUE—For Joseph P. Sartori, Dominguez Land Company officer and a Los Angeles banker.
SEFULVEDA BOULEVARD—For the early Southern California ranch owners.
SIERRA AVENUE—Saw-toothed (Sierra Mountains).



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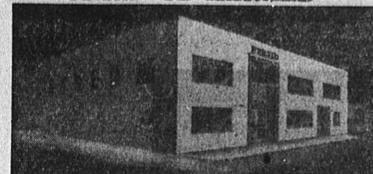
SONOMA AVENUE—Indian tribe, meaning "earth people."
SUSANA AVENUE—For Mrs. Susana Dominguez del Amo, daughter of Manuel. (Now part of Gramercy avenue).
VIA—Way, road.
VIA BUENA VENTURA—Pleasant trip.
VIA EL CHICO—Small.
VIA LA CIRCULA—The Circle.
VIA LA SELVA—Jungle.
VIA LINDA VISTA—Beautiful view.
VIA LOS ALTOS—High.
VIA LOS MIRADORES—Scenic Way.
VIA MONTE D'ORO—Mountain of gold.
VIA PASQUAL—Pascual is a Spanish Christian name.
VIA VALENCIA—A city in Spain.
VISTA DEL PARQUE—View of the park.

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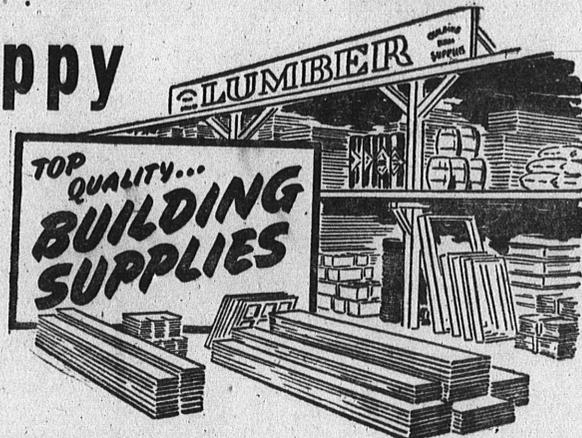
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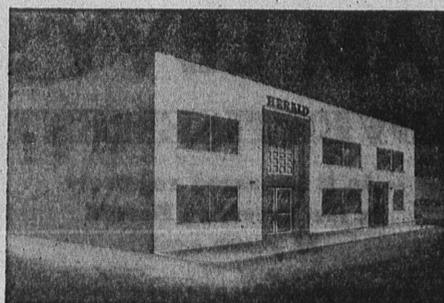
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