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STATEMENT OF: Geoff Rizzo

CANDIDATE FOR: TORRANCE CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION Member of the City Council, 2nd District

ELECTION DATE: 03/03/2020

AGE: _____ OCCUPATION: _____
(Optional) (Optional)

Please type your statement below in upper and lower case letters. The statement text will be typeset using font style Times New Roman, size 11 point. However, statement can be submitted using any standard font. See reverse side for information and guidelines including formatting restrictions. Statements are **only** included in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet and **will not** be included in the Official Absentee/Vote by Mail Ballot Instructions.

As a native of Torrance's West End – now Council District 2 - I have a deep love for our families, schools, parks and businesses. My wife and I have proudly raised our kids in my childhood home. I've been honored to serve you on City Council and protect our neighborhoods as a Torrance Police Officer.

My dedication to our residents, to maintaining our excellent quality of life and to our City drives everything I do.

Right now, we need a proven leader with a powerful voice for our families. Someone who leads by listening, researching the issues and making decisions that represent the entire community. I hope you agree that I am that leader.

I'll continue to make progress on issues that matter to you, like green lighting projects that ensure seniors thrive. I'll use my strong working relationships with Police and Fire to maintain our first-rate public safety services. As life-long Southwood resident, I'll fight to keep our streets, sidewalks, schools and parks safe, well-lit, clean and repaired.

Join the Torrance Police Officers' Association and support Geoff Rizzo for Council District 2. Working together, we will make sure all of our citizens have the opportunity to prosper! www.rizzo4council.com

Commitment to Integrity

As a Public Official, elected or appointed, and/or as a candidate for public office or a member of a Board or Commission, I agree to uphold and operate by the Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics for elected and appointed officials adopted by the City Council and sign my name below with full understanding of the expectations that the Citizens of Torrance hold for me.

I will conduct myself according to the Values outlined in the Code of Ethics as I carry out business for the City, represent the City to the public and in my workings with other elected and appointed officials both within the City of Torrance and with other Agencies;

I will embrace the Standards included in the City of Torrance Code of Ethics and use them as guiding principles to assist me in conducting myself as a representative of the City of Torrance;

I am committed to acting with Honesty and integrity;

I will treat people with Respect;

I will take Responsibility for my actions;

I will act with Transparency as I do the City's business;

I will uphold the public Trust.

I have received and read the City of Torrance Code of Ethics for Elected and Appointed Officials and Candidates for Elected Office fully understand the principles as set forth and agree to abide by them.

Signed this date

11/18/19

GROFF RIZZO

by (print and sign)

Name of Office

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EXPIRES: December 31, 2019

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play which every candidate for public office in the State of California has a moral obligation to observe and uphold in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

- (1) **I SHALL CONDUCT** my campaign openly and publicly, discussing the issues as I see them, presenting my record and policies with sincerity and frankness, and criticizing without fear or favor the record and policies of my opponents or political parties that merit this criticism.
- (2) **I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT** the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or his or her personal or family life.
- (3) **I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT** any appeal to negative prejudice based on a candidate's actual or perceived race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age, sexual orientation, sex, including gender identity, or any other characteristic set forth in Section 12940 of the Government Code, or association with another person who has any of the actual or perceived characteristics set forth in Section 12940 of the Government Code.
- (4) **I SHALL NOT USE OR PERMIT** any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our American system of free elections, or that hampers or prevents the full and free expression of the will of the voters including acts intended to hinder or prevent any eligible person from registering to vote, enrolling to vote, or voting.
- (5) **I SHALL NOT** coerce election help or campaign contributions for myself or for any other candidate from my employees.
- (6) **I SHALL IMMEDIATELY AND PUBLICLY REPUDIATE** support deriving from any individual or group that resorts, on behalf of my candidacy or in opposition to that of my opponent, to the methods and tactics that I condemn. I shall accept responsibility to take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.
- (7) **I SHALL DEFEND AND UPHOLD** the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.

I, the undersigned, candidate for election to public office in the State of California or treasurer or chairperson of a committee making any independent expenditures, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct my campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

[Redacted Signature]

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Signature

Date

GROFF RIZZO

Candidates Name

MARCH 3, 2020

Date of Election

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