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## Online access is important

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Thank you for shining a light on states' practices regarding online records ("Many states' online records are spotty," Sunday). Making information available to the public online is important. Just as important - but often overlooked - is enabling residents to participate in government decision-making, notifying them electronically on when decisions will occur.

Furthermore, electronic communication can inform residents of neighborhood issues (for example, a rash of nearby burglaries, a local community event, or a beach cleaning day). To help make this happen, and complement existing communication methods, the city of Torrance is currently surveying residents on how they would like to communicate with the city.

I encourage residents to complete a survey at [www.torrnet.com/news.htm](http://www.torrnet.com/news.htm) or enter "survey" in the search function on the city's Web site, [www.torrnet.com](http://www.torrnet.com), and click on Torrance 2.0 Survey.

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Councilman, city of Torrance