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NEWPORT BEACH

City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 14

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Resolution No. 2022-51: Amending City Council Policy A-2 Relating to the Process for Appointment to a Board or Commission

ABSTRACT:

City Council Policy A-2 (Boards, Commissions and Committees) prescribes the rules, guidelines, and ideals that govern Newport Beach's boards, commissions and committees, and can be amended by the City Council, as needed, through the adoption of a resolution. Resolution No. 2022-51 proposes to amend City Council Policy A-2 to discourage the appointment of persons who: (1) in their professional capacity supervise or are supervised by another member of the same Board or Commission, or (2) are a member of the same family as another member of the same board or commission.

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Adopt Resolution No. 2022-51, *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Amending City Council Policy A-2 (Boards, Commissions and Committees) Relating to the Process for Appointment to a Board or Commission.*

DISCUSSION:

At the July 12, 2022, City Council meeting, a majority of the City Council requested that City staff bring back a proposed amendment to Council Policy A-2 so that the City Council could consider amending the Council policy to discourage the appointment of persons who: (1) in their professional capacity supervise or are supervised by another member of the same Board or Commission, or (2) are a member of the same family as another member of the same Board or Commission. This proposed modification is designed to help ensure diversity of opinions and to avoid the appearance of a conflict. The proposed amendment to City Council Policy A-2 is reflected in Exhibit 1 to Resolution No. 2022-51.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – City Council Policy A-2 (redline)

Attachment B – Resolution No. 2022-51, including City Council Policy A-2 (clean)