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Harbor Commission Staff Report

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TO: HARBOR COMMISSION

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TITLE: Discuss and Review Harbor Commission Objectives for 2026

ABSTRACT:

The Harbor Commission periodically conducts a review of its current objectives. At the August 13, 2025 meeting, the Harbor Commission approved formation of an ad hoc subcommittee to review the current objectives. Recommendations related to the objectives will be presented by the subcommittee to the Harbor Commission for review. Once finalized, the objectives will be taken to the City Council for review and consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. 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
2. Receive and file.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

DISCUSSION:

The Harbor Commission periodically prepares objectives and devises workplans to accomplish those objectives. The cycle for objective setting is roughly each calendar year. An ad hoc subcommittee led by Chair Beer, has been reviewing the 2024 objectives to determine which objectives should be modified, enhanced or deleted. The ad hoc

committee is also considering adding new objectives. The ad hoc committee is seeking input on the format and content for the 2026 Harbor Commission objectives.

The Harbor Commission will, at a later date, request that its recommended 2026 objectives be presented to the City Council for review and consideration.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the Harbor Commission 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, Division 6, 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 Harbor Commission considers the item).