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# **NEWPORT BEACH**

## **Harbor Commission Staff Report**

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Agenda Item No. 7.3

**TO:** HARBOR COMMISSION

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**TITLE:** Create and Appoint Members to a Proposed Ad-Hoc Subcommittee to Review Current and Recommend Revised Harbor Commission Objectives

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### **ABSTRACT:**

At the Harbor Commission meeting on July 9, 2025, the Harbor Commission requested consideration of establishing a subcommittee to review their current objectives and potentially recommend revised objectives. Once convened, the subcommittee will craft recommendations related to the Harbor Commission's objectives and bring them to a future meeting for the Commission and public to comment on.

### **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. Establish a subcommittee and appoint Harbor Commissioners to review and recommend revisions to the current Harbor Commission Objectives. Identify up to three Harbor Commissioners to serve on the subcommittee.

### **FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:**

There is no fiscal impact related to this item.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Harbor Commission typically sets up Ad-Hoc Committees or Sub-committees to review various policies within the harbor. Based on recent discussions at a Harbor Commission meeting, the Commissioners requested a new subcommittee be convened to review the current Harbor Commission objectives and consider recommending revised and new objectives.

The purpose of the subcommittee is to research and evaluate the current Harbor Commission Objectives, identify those that have been met or are no longer relevant. The

subcommittee will also develop and consider potential new objectives. Based on the subcommittee's research, findings, and conclusions, recommendations may result for how the Harbor Commission's objectives might be revised.

The subcommittee will return to the full Harbor Commission and report on its efforts and any recommendations. The public will also have the opportunity to review and comment on any recommended, proposed revisions to the Harbor Commission Objectives.

**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).