



CITY OF

NEWPORT BEACH

City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 11

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Confirmation of Appointments to the Newport Beach Police
Headquarters Assessment Committee

ABSTRACT:

On October 14, 2025, the City Council created the Newport Beach Police Headquarters Assessment Committee by adoption of Resolution No. 2025-65. As directed by the resolution, Mayor Joe Stapleton is appointing Councilmembers Michelle Barto, Noah Blom, and Sara J. Weber to serve on the Committee. For the City Council's consideration is confirmation of those appointments.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 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) Confirm Mayor Joe Stapleton's appointments of Councilmembers Michelle Barto, Noah Blom, and Sara J. Weber to the Newport Beach Police Headquarters Assessment Committee.

DISCUSSION:

At its meeting on October 14, 2025, the City Council considered the creation of the Newport Beach Police Headquarters Assessment Committee (Committee) to evaluate potential sites and to assess the feasibility and cost and design options for a new headquarters for the Newport Beach Police Department.

After discussion and by a vote of 5 ayes, 1 no and 1 abstention, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-65 creating the Committee with a membership of three Councilmembers (Attachment A).

Mayor Joe Stapleton has identified Councilmembers Michelle Barto, Noah Blom and Sara J. Weber to serve on the Committee.

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).

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment A – Resolution No. 2025-65