

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-5

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE
FISCAL TRANSPARENCY AD HOC COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the City of Newport Beach ("City") is governed, in part, by its Charter, Municipal Code, and adopted City Council Policies;

WHEREAS, the City Council has a long and established history of being good guardians and stewards of the public's money;

WHEREAS, appropriations, expenditures, and other budgetary matters are a primary concern of the City Council;

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 94-110 on December 12, 1994, establishing the Finance Committee, whose duties and responsibilities have been amended throughout the years;

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee is charged with a variety of tasks including, but not limited to, reviewing and monitoring events and issues that may affect the financial status of the City, and making recommendations to the City Council regarding amendments to financial policies;

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of maintaining transparent and efficient fiscal governance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to form an ad hoc committee to evaluate options to enhance transparency, accountability and efficient use of City resources, broaden policy perspectives, and increase public engagement in discussions relating to the fiscal governance and financial status of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1: The City Council Fiscal Transparency Ad Hoc Committee ("Committee") is hereby established and shall consist of three Council Members appointed by the Mayor. The following three Council Members are hereby appointed by the Mayor: Mayor Lauren Kleiman; Council Member Sara J. Weber; and Council Member Joe Stapleton.

Section 2: The sole purpose and responsibility of the Committee is to: evaluate ways to enhance transparency, accountability and the efficient use of City resources;

broaden policy perspectives; increase public engagement in discussions relating to the fiscal governance and financial status of the City; and make recommendations to the entire City Council in regards thereto.

Section 3: Unless terminated sooner by action of the City Council, the Committee shall be advisory and shall expire on January 31, 2027, or upon making recommendations to the entire City Council, whichever is first.

Section 4: The Committee shall not be subject to the Brown Act; however, the recommendations of the Committee to the City Council shall be considered at a meeting of the entire City Council noticed in accordance with California Government Code Section 54950 et seq.

Section 5: The City Council hereby repeals all prior resolutions to the extent that they conflict with this resolution.

Section 6: The recitals provided in this resolution are true and correct and are incorporated into the operative part of this resolution.

Section 7: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this resolution. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 8: The City Council finds the adoption of this resolution 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.

Section 9: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting the resolution.

ADOPTED this 27th day of January, 2026.

Lauren Kleiman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lena Shumway
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



Aaron C. Harp
City Attorney