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# **NEWPORT BEACH**

## **City Council Staff Report**

July 28, 2026  
Agenda Item No.4

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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**TITLE:** Resolution No. 2026-55: Supporting and Opposing Various  
Propositions on the November 2026 Ballot

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### **ABSTRACT:**

For the City Council's consideration is a resolution that, if adopted, would convey the City of Newport Beach's support for Proposition 39 (Voter Identification, Citizenship Verification, and Registered Voter List Administration Initiative), Proposition 41 (Prohibit Excluding New State Taxes from Spending Limit and Require Special Tax Audits Initiative), and Proposition 42 (Prohibit New Taxes on Retirement Holdings, Personal Assets), and its opposition to Proposition 40 (One-Time Wealth Tax for State-Funded Healthcare, Education, and Food Assistance Programs Initiative). The measures have qualified for the November 2026 Statewide Ballot.

### **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) Adopt Resolution No. 2026-55, *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach Supporting Proposition 39 (Voter identification, Citizenship Verification, and Registered Voter List Administration Initiative), Proposition 41 (Prohibit Excluding New State Taxes from Spending Limit and Require Special Tax Audits Initiative), and Proposition 42 (Prohibit New Taxes on Retirement Holdings, Personal Assets, and Savings and Limit Retroactive Taxes initiative) and Opposing Proposition 40 (One-Time Wealth Tax for State-Funded Healthcare, Education, and Food Assistance Programs Initiative) on the November 2026 Ballot.*

### **DISCUSSION:**

On July 14, 2026, the City Council unanimously supported an A-1 item introduced by Councilmember Erik Weigand to consider taking a support position on Proposition 39 (Voter ID), Proposition 41 (Audit New Tax Spending) and Proposition 42 (Prohibit New Personal Property Tax and Retroactive Taxes); and to consider taking an opposition position on Proposition 40 (Billionaire Tax) on the November 2026 ballot.

Proposition 39 would revise the California Constitution to require government-issued photo ID for in-person voting and a unique government-issued identifier for voting by mail.

Proposition 41 would require new or increased State taxes to be included in appropriations and spending limit calculations and would mandate targeted audits of programs funded by those revenues.

Proposition 42 would bar new taxes on retirement accounts, personal assets, and savings, and would limit retroactive taxation.

Proposition 40 is framed as a one-time wealth (“billionaire”) tax to fund healthcare, education and food assistance programs.

**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. 2026-55