



CITY OF

NEWPORT BEACH

City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 1

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Resolution No. 2026-59: Supporting the Adoption of House
Resolution 1188 and Senate Concurrent Resolution 192

ABSTRACT:

For the City Council's consideration is a resolution that, if adopted, would convey the City of Newport Beach's support for House Resolution 1188 (expressing support for the work of open water lifeguards as first responders and emergency response providers) and Senate Concurrent Resolution 192 (open water lifeguards).

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
- c) Adopt Resolution No. 2026-59, *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Supporting the Adoption of House Resolution 1188 (Expressing Support for the Work of Open Water Lifeguards as First Responders and Emergency Response Providers) and Senate Concurrent Resolution 192 (Open Water Lifeguards).*

DISCUSSION:

On July 28, 2026, the City Council unanimously supported an A-1 item introduced by Councilmember Erik Weigand to consider taking a support position on the adoption of House Resolution 1188 and Senate Concurrent Resolution 192, pursuant to City Council Policy A-1.

The United States House of Representatives' House Resolution 1188 would recognize open water lifeguards as first responders who protect lives and provide essential emergency and public safety services.

The California State Senate's Concurrent Resolution 192 would recognize the emergency response, rescue and drowning prevention services performed by open water lifeguards and encourage public agencies to designate them as first responders. This recognition would align with the City's existing classification of lifeguards.

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. 2026-59
Attachment B – House Resolution 1188
Attachment C – Senate Concurrent Resolution 192