



# NEWPORT BEACH

## City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 20

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

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**TITLE:** Appointments to Police Headquarters Advisory Committee

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### **ABSTRACT:**

On May 12, 2026, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-29, dissolving the Newport Beach Police Headquarters Assessment Committee and creating the Newport Beach Police Headquarters Advisory Committee. The Committee is charged with soliciting public input and assessing potential sites, costs and design options for a new Newport Beach Police Department headquarters. The Mayor's Subcommittee — comprised of Mayor Lauren Kleiman, Councilmember Sara J. Weber and Mayor Pro Tem Noah Blom — conducted a thorough review of all 31 applications received and on file in the City Clerk's Office and has selected nominees for the four citizen member seats.

### **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;
- b) Make appointments to the Police Headquarters Advisory Committee of four members: Thomas Maloney, Sandra Meadows, Robert Olson and Ronald Rubino;
- c) Appoint Councilmember Sara J. Weber, Councilmember Michelle Barto, and Mayor Pro Tem Noah Blom as the three members of the Newport Beach City Council; and
- d) Appoint Councilmember Sara J. Weber as the Chair and Mayor Pro Tem Noah Blom as Vice Chair of the Committee.

### **DISCUSSION**

On May 12, 2026, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-29, dissolving the Newport Beach Police Department Headquarters Ad Hoc Committee and establishing the Newport Beach Police Headquarters Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee was created to facilitate community engagement, solicit public input and provide recommendations to the City Council regarding the potential development of a new Police Department headquarters.

Pursuant to Resolution No. 2026-29, the Newport Beach Police Headquarters Advisory Committee is responsible for evaluating potential sites for a new Police Department headquarters, including the Civic Center Campus, 1201 Dove Street and 870 Santa Barbara Drive; soliciting public input; assessing project costs, design considerations, and feasibility; and providing recommendations to the City Council regarding the development of a new headquarters. The Committee may also consider related matters as directed by the City Council and will expire upon presentation of its final recommendations to the City Council or on December 31, 2029, whichever occurs first.

Resolution No. 2026-29 establishes a seven-member Advisory Committee consisting of three City Council Members and four Newport Beach residents. The four citizen member positions include one member with knowledge and experience in construction management, real estate development, architecture, and/or land use planning; one member with knowledge and experience in real estate finance; and two at-large resident members. The Mayor is responsible for appointing all members of the Committee, subject to confirmation by the City Council, and designates the Committee Chair and Vice Chair.

Consistent with City Council Policy A-2 and Resolution No. 2026-29, vacancies for the four citizen member positions were publicly noticed, and a total of 31 applications were received and are on file with the City Clerk's Office. A Mayor's subcommittee consisting of Mayor Lauren Kleiman, Mayor Pro Tem Noah Blom, and Councilmember Sara J. Weber reviewed the applications, evaluated applicant qualifications, and conducted interviews. Based on that process, the Mayor's subcommittee identified the following nominees for appointment to the Advisory Committee: Thomas Maloney, Sandra Meadows, Robert Olson, and Ronald Rubino.

The nominees selected by the Mayor's subcommittee are presented to the City Council for confirmation. In addition, the Mayor has appointed Councilmember Sara J. Weber, Councilmember Michelle Barto, and Mayor Pro Tem Noah Blom to serve on the Advisory Committee. The Mayor has designated Councilmember Sara J. Weber as Chair of the Committee and Mayor Pro Tem Noah Blom as Vice Chair.

**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)(1) (the activity does not involve the exercise of discretionary powers; (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 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).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Applications