



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CITY ARTS COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

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Agenda Item No. 3

TO: CITY ARTS COMMISSION

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TITLE: Ad Hoc Subcommittee Recommendations Regarding the General Plan Arts and Culture Element and Historical Resources Element

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend that the City Arts Commission review comments from the General Plan Update Ad Hoc Subcommittee and direct staff to forward them to the General Plan Advisory Committee for consideration, along with any additional input as appropriate.

BACKGROUND:

At the September 11, 2025, City Arts Commission meeting, the Community Development Department provided an overview of the effort to update the Newport Beach General Plan (and introduced the draft Arts and Culture Element. At the conclusion of that meeting, the Commission requested that staff return at the October meeting to introduce the draft Historical Resources Element.

On October 9, 2025, staff re-introduced the Arts and Culture Element and introduced the Historical Resources Element. After the presentation and discussion, the Commission formed an ad hoc committee consisting of Chair Heather Ignatin, Vice Chair Vanessa Moore, and Commissioner John Blom (Ad Hoc Subcommittee). Since this meeting, the Ad Hoc Subcommittee has met twice to review the two draft elements and to compile comments, which have been included as Attachment A.

DISCUSSION:

The draft Arts and Culture Element and draft Historical Resources Element are two of seven draft updated elements that are currently available for review. City staff has requested input from the community and the City's boards, commissions, and committees by November 17, 2025. If there is a lack of consensus or divergent opinions, Commissioners may participate as community members through the public review process. The elements are available online at <https://newporttogether.mysocialpinpoint.com/2050-general-plan-draft-elements>. Comment fields are available for each goal within the elements for feedback.

NOTICING:

This agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Arts Commission considers the item).

ATTACHMENT A: Ad Hoc Committee Comments