



# NEWPORT BEACH

## City Council Staff Report

June 9, 2026  
Agenda Item No. 17

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

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**TITLE:** Harbor Commission 2026 Objectives

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### **ABSTRACT:**

A Harbor Commission (Commission) ad hoc committee periodically reviews and updates the Commission's objectives. In late 2025, the ad hoc committee revised the objectives adopted in 2024 to better align with the Commission's goals for Newport Harbor. In May 2026, the Harbor Commission discussed and approved a final version of its current objectives and requested the approved objectives be forwarded to the City Council for review and consideration.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- 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) Receive and file.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Harbor Commission periodically prepares objectives and devises workplans to accomplish those objectives. The cycle for objective setting is roughly each calendar year.

In late 2025, an ad hoc subcommittee led by Ira Beer met to discuss revisions and updates to each proposed objective. In April 2026, commissioners were designated to lead each functional area under the proposed objectives.

Then in May 2026, the Harbor Commission approved its current set of objectives. The Commission will continue to designate responsibility for each specific objective among themselves.

The Harbor Commission requested that the objectives be presented to the City Council for consideration and review.

**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 – Recommended Harbor Commission 2026 Objectives