

Attachment A

Resolution No. 2026-XX

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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

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of administering secure and fair elections to ensure that the residents of the City of Newport Beach ("City") can participate with confidence in California's electoral process;

WHEREAS, the City Council further recognizes that responsible state fiscal practices are essential to maintaining public trust and prudently managing taxpayer funds for the benefit of all residents;

WHEREAS, voters will have before them on the November 2026 statewide ballot, Propositions 39 (Voter Identification, Citizenship Verification, and Registered Voter List Administration Initiative), Proposition 40 (One-Time Wealth Tax for State-Funded Healthcare, Education, and Food Assistance Programs 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);

WHEREAS, Propositions 39 (Voter Identification, Citizenship Verification, and Registered Voter List Administration Initiative) on the November 2026 statewide ballot would require government-issued photo identification for in-person voting and a unique government-issued identification for voting by mail;

WHEREAS, Propositions 39 (Voter Identification, Citizenship Verification, and Registered Voter List Administration Initiative) would further require election officials to maintain accurate voter registration lists and use best efforts to verify citizenship using government data and to repost each year the percentage of each county's voter rolls that have been verified;

WHEREAS, the City desires to express its support of Propositions 39 (Voter Identification, Citizenship Verification, and Registered Voter List Administration Initiative) because it finds that the policy objectives advanced by Propositions 39 (Voter Identification, Citizenship Verification, and Registered Voter List Administration Initiative) promote election integrity, enhance voter confidence, support accurate voter rolls, help reduce opportunities for unlawful voting, promote confidence that only eligible voters participate, and further transparent and secure elections;

WHEREAS, Proposition 41 (Prohibit Excluding New State Taxes from Spending Limit and Require Special Tax Audits Initiative) on the November 2026 statewide ballot would prohibit excluding new state taxes or state tax increases from California's appropriations and spending limit calculations and require special audits of programs and expenditures funded by new or increased state taxes, thereby strengthening oversight of state spending to provide clearer information to the public and improve accountability in the use of taxpayer dollars;

WHEREAS, the City desires to express its support of Proposition 41 (Prohibit Excluding New State Taxes from Spending Limit and Require Special Tax Audits Initiative) because it implements reforms that improve fiscal discipline and further accountability to taxpayers and to ensure budgetary rules are consistently applied and supported by independent verification;

WHEREAS, Proposition 42 (Prohibit New Taxes on Retirement Holdings, Personal Assets, and Savings and Limit Retroactive Taxes Initiative) on the November 2026 statewide ballot would prohibit new taxes on retirement holdings, personal assets, and savings as well as limit retroactive taxes, supporting predictability and fundamental fairness in tax administration and retirement planning;

WHEREAS, the City desires to express its support of Proposition 42 (Prohibit New Taxes on Retirement Holdings, Personal Assets, and Savings and Limit Retroactive Taxes Initiative) because it seeks to promote stable tax policies that protect local residents and businesses from unexpected tax burdens on personal assets and savings, enhance retirement security, and foster trust in state and local public finance;

WHEREAS, Proposition 40 (One-Time Wealth Tax for State-Funded Healthcare, Education, and Food Assistance Programs Initiative) on the November 2026 statewide ballot is presented as a one-time wealth or billionaire tax intended to fund state-supported healthcare, education, and food assistance programs;

WHEREAS, the City desires to express its opposition of Proposition 40 (One-Time Wealth Tax for State-Funded Healthcare, Education, and Food Assistance Programs Initiative) because one-time wealth taxes raise concerns regarding potential

economic impacts including effects on investment decisions, capital formation, business climate, and long-term revenue stability; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that taking positions on statewide ballot measures is a matter of public interest and will inform City residents regarding the City Council's policy perspective on elections and fiscal integrity and administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Newport Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1: The City Council hereby adopts an official position in support of 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 urges a "YES" vote on the November 2026 statewide ballot.

Section 2: The City Council hereby adopts an official position in opposition to Proposition 40 (One-Time Wealth Tax for State-Funded Healthcare, Education, and Food Assistance Programs Initiative) and urges a "NO" vote on the November 2026 statewide ballot.

Section 3: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this resolution. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4: The recitals provided in this resolution are true and correct and are incorporated into the substantive portion of this resolution.

Section 5: The City Council finds the adoption of this resolution 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, Division 6, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

Section 6: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting the resolution.

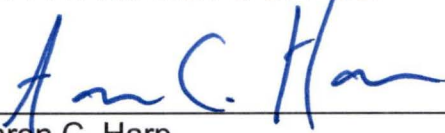
ADOPTED this 28th day of July, 2026.

Lauren Kleiman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lena Shumway
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



Aaron C. Harp
City Attorney