



NEWPORT BEACH GENERAL PLAN GUIDE

Harbor & Bay Element

INCLUDES POLICIES THAT ENHANCE THE NEWPORT BAY AND HELP THE NEWPORT HARBOR BE AN ENJOYABLE AND NAVIGABLE PLEASURE-BOATING HARBOR.



HIGHLIGHTS

Newport Beach has established the Harbor Commission, which provides the City of Newport Beach with an advisory body representing diverse uses of Newport Harbor and its waterfront.

Big Picture

Newport Bay, including the Upper Bay and Newport Harbor in the Lower Bay, is a vital feature of Newport Beach's natural environment, community identity, and economy. Having an enjoyable and navigable pleasure-boating harbor is a hallmark feature of Newport Beach. The Harbor and Bay Element helps guide development in the Harbor and identifies what activities can take place on the water. It also includes land-use decisions for waterfront property surrounding Newport Harbor.

Goals and policies within the Harbor and Bay Element address both water- and land-related issues, provision of public access, water quality and environmental issues, visual characteristics, and the administration of the Harbor and Bay.

Key Goals and Policies

The Harbor and Bay Element is designed to promote diversity and charm for the Harbor and Bay without restricting the rights of the waterfront property owner.

Goals and policies within the Harbor and Bay Element have been organized to address both water and land related issues, provision of public access, water quality and environmental issues, visual characteristics, and the administration of the Harbor and Bay. It also highlights important land use decisions related to waterfront property around Newport Harbor.

Harbor and Bay goals are primarily categorized under these broad categories:

1. Preservation of the Harbor and waterfront
2. Retention of water related uses
3. Preservation of waterfront commercial uses
4. Provision and maintenance of public access

Future Considerations

Some aspects of the Harbor and Bay Element that address public access, water quality, and the environment and administration are also covered in the Natural Resources, Recreation, Safety, Circulation and Land Use Elements.

It is also important to understand several issues that currently face the Harbor and Bay areas. These include:

1. Economic pressures to replace marine uses and harbor support facilities and services with residential uses.
2. A balance of access to, and benefits of, marine uses such as recreational boating activities and marine commercial uses.
3. An **increasing** demand to accommodate larger vessels in the Harbor.
4. Seasonal presence of a large population of California Sea Lions, which can cause noise, pollution, property damage, and odors.





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Arts & Cultural Element

DESIGNED AS A GUIDE FOR MEETING THE FUTURE CULTURAL NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE PROMOTION AND PRESERVATION OF ART AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.



HIGHLIGHTS

The City of Newport Beach Arts Commission was established in 1972, and acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters relating to artistic, aesthetic and cultural aspects of the City.

Big Picture

Newport Beach has a wide range of art and cultural organizations, which are a source of community pride. These include the City Arts Commission, performing and visual arts community, museums, events and festivals, and libraries. This element is intended to identify and integrate the types of resources needed to provide arts and cultural facilities and programs to the community.

Key Goals and Policies

The goals and policies of the Arts and Cultural Element serve as a guide for meeting the future cultural needs of the community. Addressing future challenges in Newport Beach will require building on the community's current cultural arts activities by coordinating with various community groups, businesses, agencies, citizens and the City to create an active and cohesive cultural and arts programs.



Goals for the Arts and Cultural Element are focused on an ideal future, written as if the goals have been achieved, with funding goals designed to be aspirational. These goals include:

1. Active and vital arts, cultural, and literary activities and programs that enrich the community.
2. Adequate physical facilities and venues that support cultural art and literary programs.
3. A broad range of public and private funding sources to support cultural arts goals and activities.

Future Considerations

Newport Beach has a wealth of organizations, attractions, and activities that are a source of community pride and enrichment. Arts and cultural achievements have evolved over time and have been the result of dedication and involvement of numerous individuals, groups, and organizations. However, without intervention, coordination, preservation, and promotion, arts and cultural activities and resources can easily be lost through loss indifference, or unintended land-use decisions or policies.

