

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF ORANGE
NORTH JUSTICE CENTER

MINUTE ORDER

DATE: 09/02/2026

TIME: 01:30:00 PM

DEPT: N14

JUDICIAL OFFICER PRESIDING: Julianne Bancroft

CLERK: C. Sanchez

REPORTER/ERM: None

BAILIFF/COURT ATTENDANT: B. Espinosa

CASE NO: **30-2026-01559183-CU-JR-NJC** CASE INIT.DATE: 03/26/2026

CASE TITLE: **City of Newport Beach vs. Newport Beach Stewardship Association**

CASE CATEGORY: Civil - Unlimited CASE TYPE: Judicial Review - Other

EVENT ID/DOCUMENT ID: 74944370

EVENT TYPE: Ex Parte

MOVING PARTY: Newport Beach Stewardship Association, Marshall Duffield

CAUSAL DOCUMENT/DATE FILED: Ex Parte Application - Other, 09/01/2026

APPEARANCES

No Appearance by all parties

NBSA'S EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF WRIT

There are no appearances by any party.

Ex Parte Application, Declarations in Support, Proofs of Service, Request for Statement of Decision, and Opposition are read and considered.

The Ex Parte Application is **GRANTED**.

The proposed writ of mandate is signed and filed this date.

Court orders Clerk to give notice.

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11 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
12 COUNTY OF ORANGE

13 CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, et al.,
14 Plaintiffs,

15 v.

16 NEWPORT BEACH STEWARDSHIP
ASSOCIATION, et al.,
17 Defendants.

18 NEWPORT BEACH STEWARDSHIP
19 ASSOCIATION, et al.,
20 Cross-Petitioners,

21 v.

22 LENA SHUMWAY, et al.,
Cross-Respondents.
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24 CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, et al.,
25 Real Parties in Interest.
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DAVID H. YAMASAKI, Clerk of the Court

BY: _____, DEPUTY

Case No.: 30-2026-01559183-CU-JR-NJC
and Related Case No. 30-2026-01580961

Assigned for all Purposes to:
Hon. Julianne Bancroft, Department N14

~~PROPOSED~~ **WRIT OF MANDATE**

Dept: N14

Judge: Hon. Julianne Bancroft

Action Filed: March 26, 2026

Ex Parte Hearing

Date: September 2, 2026

Time: 1:30 p.m.

1 **TO: CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CITY COUNCIL, LENA SHUMWAY,**
2 **AARON C. HARP, AND CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH**
3 **(RESPONDENTS):**
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5 Having resolved all challenges brought by Respondents to (1) the Home District Voting
6 Initiative; (2) the Initiative to Establish Strict Term Limits for City Council Members; and (3) the
7 Sunshine and Governmental Transparency Initiative (collectively, the Initiatives), and consistent
8 with the orders of the Court entered on June 24, 2026, July 17, 2026, August 3, 2026, August 12,
9 2026, August 19, 2026, and August 27, 2026, Respondents **SHALL**, immediately upon service of
10 this Writ:

11 1. Take all steps necessary to hold a general municipal election for the Initiatives on
12 November 3, 2026, whether run directly by the City or through a consolidated election process.

13 2. File and serve on all parties an Initial Return to this Writ by no later than September
14 30, 2026, in which Respondents shall detail what steps they have taken to comply with this Writ.

15 3. File and serve on all parties a Final Return to this Writ within fifteen (15) days
16 following a November 3, 2026 election on the Initiatives.

17 4. Under the circumstances here presented, the Court finds and determines that any
18 stay of enforcement of this Writ pending appeal would result in irreparable harm to Petitioners, and
19 therefore any appeal shall not operate as a stay of execution of this Writ absent further court order.

20 (Code Civ. Proc. § 1110b.)

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23 DATED: 9/2/2024

By: 
JULIANNE BANCROFT
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT