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## N.B. council skips housing element initiative

Members of the Newport Beach City Council, tasked with zoning for ample affordable housing, decided this week not to ask voters to weigh in on related amendments to the city's general plan and set out to address state mandates.

BY ERIC LICAS

After taking into consideration possible ramifications, the Newport Beach City Council this week approved amendments to the general plan and other steps nec-

essary to implement its housing element rather than take those issues to the voters in the Nov. 5 election.

The raft of ordinances and resolutions approved by the City Council clear some of the final

hurdles before the city's efforts to plan for more housing, primarily near John Wayne Airport, Dover/Westcliff, West Newport Mesa, Newport Center, Banning Ranch

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**"I do not want Newport to turn into something else. Sometimes you have to stand back, look at it from a different perspective and decide the way you have to fight is through threading the needle."**

— Councilman Noah Blom



James Carbone

**RYDER MARAGOS**, 10, right, with other Huntington Beach Junior Lifeguards, is shown how to correctly apply sunscreen during an education session on sun safety and skin cancer prevention hosted by Hoag Dermatologic Oncology at the Marine Lifeguard Center in Huntington Beach.

## H.B. Junior Lifeguards absorb the importance of sun safety

BY MATT SZABO

Lifeguards spend more time out in the sun than most, making the use of sunscreen even more important.

Huntington Beach Junior Lifeguards got a close-up look at the benefits Monday morning as part of a partnership with Hoag.

Dr. Steven Wang, medical director of dermatologic oncology at Hoag, was on hand to lead a STEM education session at the Marine Lifeguard Center in Huntington Beach.

Experts estimate that nearly 80% of a person's lifetime sun exposure occurs before age 20.

Eighty Junior Lifeguards participated in the session, which featured three stations to explore. The first station let the kids experiment with prisms and learn about ultraviolet radiation.

The second station gave the Junior Guards scales and sunscreen, helping teach them how much is necessary to apply.

"We also have a UV camera to show them if they put it on correctly, they can cover their whole face," Wang said. "They actually see it for themselves."

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**ELLA TRUONG**, 9, looks through a microscope to see closely healthy skin during Monday's STEM education session at the Marine Lifeguard Center.

## Effort to raise funds pivots to Harris

Planned Biden event in Laguna Beach will be rescheduled and set to support vice president's campaign for president.

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A planned fundraiser in Laguna Beach this Friday for the reelection of President Joe Biden will be rescheduled as an event for Vice President Kamala Harris' campaign now that the president has dropped out of the race, the organizer said Tuesday.

"They were hoping to [go] forward but decided to hold off a bit," fundraiser organizer Carol Leslie Hamilton said. "That's probably a good decision, but we're moving along."

Biden was expected to attend the event in Orange County before his positive diagnosis of COVID-19 and subsequent decision to drop out of the race. The planned fundraiser was "going to be a well-attended event" Hamilton said. But the enthusiasm for Harris' campaign has been noticeable, she added.

"It's been phenomenal support for the vice president," Hamilton said. "She's going to shatter that glass ceiling we've been staring at for so long."

Hamilton said it was "sad" to see Biden drop out of the race.

"And yet I'm excited about

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**A PLANNED** Laguna Beach fundraiser this week for President Joe Biden's reelection will be rescheduled, an organizer said, and pivot in support of Vice President Kamala Harris.

## Laguna Beach remembers conservation leader Brown

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Laguna Beach community lost a revered environmentalist earlier this month, as former Laguna Greenbelt president Elisabeth Brown has died.

Brown died peacefully on July 6, the organization announced. She was 81.

An active participant in environmental causes for several decades, Brown became president of Laguna Greenbelt in 1985, a role that she held until 2019.

"Liz was an excellent leader, a mixture of steadfast determination in achieving her goals mixed with a pragmatic under-

standing of what can be achieved," said Norm Grossman, the current president of Laguna Greenbelt.

Born in New York City in 1943, Brown moved to her Laguna Canyon home with her husband, Allen, in the 1970s. She earned a master's degree in zoology from UC Berkeley and a doctoral degree in biology from UC Irvine.

Brown played a pivotal role in bringing about agreements that have served to protect wildlife habitat and open space. Among her other roles, Brown was a founding

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Courtesy of Laguna Greenbelt

**ELISABETH BROWN** served as the president of Laguna Greenbelt from 1985 to 2019. Brown died on July 6 at the age of 81.

## Cyclists gather as Costa Mesa Grand Prix finds its footing

BY SARA CARDINE

A semiannual cycling competition on Sunday drew hundreds of professional athletes and cycling fans to Costa Mesa, a city where bikeability and active transportation are taking a turn in the civic spotlight.

The Costa Mesa Grand Prix, which debuted in March, returned to a 1.1-mile closed circuit course north of the 405 Freeway and took riders along Harbor Boulevard and Sunflower, Cadillac and Scenic avenues in a series of races that offered riders a

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Courtesy of Majestic Cycling

**THE COSTA MESA** Grand Prix, which debuted in March, returned to its namesake city Sunday, as some 400 cyclists competed for rankings and cash prizes.





