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Photos by Eric Licas

GIRL SCOUTS demonstrate how to properly fold Old Glory during the Field of Honor gathering at Castaways Park in Newport Beach on Thursday.

Gold Star mothers help show kids the meaning of patriotism

BY ERIC LICAS

Two mothers whose sons died while serving in America's armed forces helped hundreds of fifth-graders from Costa Mesa and Newport Beach understand the meaning of patriotism Thursday ahead of the Memorial Day weekend at Castaways Park.

About 520 students from nine Newport-Mesa Unified School District elementary schools attended the special presentation hosted by the Exchange Club of Newport Harbor as part of the 16th annual Field of Honor, said Cynthia Strasmann, the club's chair of youth programs.

The 10-day exhibition features 1,776 American flags, which are a nod to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The flags are installed alongside the trails running through Castaways Park. Also on display are more than 200 pieces of student art in-



FIFTH GRADERS applaud during a presentation Thursday at the Field of Honor celebration at Castaways Park.

spired by the question "What does America mean to me?"

"To get them involved as patriots of our country at a young age, I think, is so important in our nation right now," said Richard

Swinney, Exchange Club of Newport Harbor secretary and head of its Field of Honor committee. "Our nation is really divided, and we're hopeful students will become more patriotic because of

this event and bring our country together in the future. They are our future, and we're counting on them."

Newport Beach firefighters hoisted Old Glory, as children took selfies alongside their drawings and walked up the path leading to a clearing overlooking Newport Bay. They were accompanied by horse-mounted police and S.W.A.T. officers in an armored vehicle.

The event kicked off with renditions of "Yankee Doodle" and "America the Beautiful" by the Paularino Elementary Band and Sonora Elementary Choir. Kids also watched a parade of flags representing each branch of the armed forces, a demonstration of how to properly fold an American flag by Girl Scout Cadette Troop #5388 and a presentation of colors by the Sons of the

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Costa Mesa approves spending plan for housing

The City Council channels \$3.2M in federal grants into housing initiatives, assistance projects.

BY SARA CARDINE

As Costa Mesa works out next year's budget, city leaders Tuesday considered how best to allocate nearly \$1.1 million in anticipated federal community development block grants and \$2.1 million for housing rehabilitation and assistance.

Administered through the U.S. Department of Urban Housing and Development (HUD), the funding programs collectively aim to bolster the efforts of city programs and nonprofit organizations that help provide housing stability for low-income residents and those at risk of homelessness.

Grant administrator Mikelle Daily explained Costa Mesa receives CDBG funding annually to benefit moderate- to low-income residents, one of three defined national objectives outlined by HUD, while HOME Investment Partnership Grants help create more affordable housing for low- and very-low income households.

In Orange County, a two-per-

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2 women arrested for allegedly stealing \$20K in Lululemon merchandise

BY SARA CARDINE

Costa Mesa police have arrested two women they believe are part of a larger organized retail theft ring that on Saturday struck South Coast Plaza, initiating a pursuit that led to the recovery of more than \$20,000 in merchandise.

Officers working at the retail complex shortly before 7:45 p.m. were alerted to an incident of grand theft at Lululemon reportedly involving four female suspects, Costa Mesa Police Department reported on social media Wednesday.

Two suspects left the scene on foot, while two others — identified as Latasha Marie Brown, 36, of Clinton, Iowa, and Laporsha Holloway, a 37-year-old resident of Chicago — fled the scene in a vehicle, according to CMPD spokeswoman Roxi Fyad.

Officers soon after located the vehicle in Costa Mesa and engaged in a pursuit, but were called off as the suspects drove onto the 55 Freeway. With assistance from a Huntington Beach Police Department helicopter and officers from the California Highway Patrol's Santa Ana Station, the vehicle was later pulled over on State

Route 241, Fyad said Wednesday.

Officers discovered stolen merchandise from Lululemon, along with multiple garbage bags filled with what is believed to be clothing stolen from other stores, with an estimated value of more than \$20,000.

Brown and Holloway were taken into custody and booked early Sunday on suspicion of grand theft, evading police and conspiracy to commit a crime, according to Fyad.

The two suspects who fled the scene on foot are still at large, police said Wednesday. Investigators believe the four women have likely been targeting other retail locations as part of an organized retail theft ring.

Costa Mesa police continue to investigate Saturday's incident and are working with other law enforcement agencies, including CHP's Retail Theft Task Force, to thwart and apprehend such operations throughout Orange County.

"We thank HBPD and CHP for the assistance and teamwork," the department wrote on Wednesday's social media release.

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ABOVE: More than 1,000 Orange County elementary students removed trash along the coastline at Huntington State Beach. **BELOW:** A drone captured the "Restore Power" message created by students on Tuesday.



Courtesy of Orange County Coastkeeper

Kids Ocean Day teaches about protecting the beach

BY MATT SZABO

It was ideal weather at Huntington State Beach on Tuesday morning, for an ideal cause.

More than 1,000 elementary school students from inland Orange County gathered there, near Lifeguard Tower 13.

They did a large-scale beach cleanup in coordination with Orange County Coastkeeper for Kids Ocean Day, an annual statewide

celebration and call to action for the ocean. It's sponsored by the California Coastal Commission.

The third- through sixth-grade students from Garden Grove, Fullerton, Anaheim, Santa Ana, Orange and Westminster combined to pick up 157 pounds of trash from the beach. They then created an aerial art display inspired by this year's Kids Ocean Day

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TRACK & FIELD

Ocean View's Jack Paavola wins CIF Division 3 discus title

BY ANDREW TURNER

MOORPARK — Among returning local track and field athletes, Ocean View's Jack Paavola wasn't about to top the list in terms of those destined for postseason success heading into the spring.

The Seahawks' senior thrower had yet to compete in a CIF Southern Section final through his first three seasons, but he made the most of his one and only opportunity on that stage on Saturday.

Paavola's discus throw mark of 170 feet, 9 inches won the Division 3 title in the CIF track and field championships at Moorpark High, adding to a season that seemingly came out of nowhere.

"Honestly, I thought I was going maybe high 150s [or] low 160s," Paavola said of his expectations for his senior year.

Instead, he has laid claim to the school record in the event, improving on his personal-best mark in the discus in each of the past two weeks. Paavola, who sur-

passed David Keller (164-4½ in 1989) to top the Seahawks' performance list in the event, said he did not expect to break the 170-foot barrier.

"It feels really great," said Paavola, who has committed to Harvey Mudd. "Approaching the season, I was like, 'OK, what can I do?' Last year, my [personal record] was 130, but this year, I knew I definitely wanted to go for more. I know very early on, I had a 160 that came out of nowhere, and then it was like, 'Can I chase that mark?' It was, 'How can I recreate that mark?'"

"As we've gotten to the end of the season, everything's been starting to click in place just at the perfect timing. I've really just started to understand how I throw and what makes it work for me."

The first-place finish placed Paavola into the Masters Meet — Saturday back at Moorpark — a competition of the section's elite attempting to qualify for the state championships. The four divisional champions

and the next best performances totaling 18 in each event advanced to the Masters Meet.

Corona del Mar's Max Douglass, bound for Notre Dame, extended his season in both the 800 meters (1:53.72) and the 1,600 (4:10.96). He was the runner-up in both events in Division 3.

Newport Harbor's Keaton Robar also qualified in two events, flying solo in the 800 with a seasonal-best 2:14.46 (fourth in Division 2) and pushing the Sailors' girls' 1,600 relay across the finish line with a 58-second split on the anchor leg.

The foursome of Savi Smit, Morgan Starkenburg, Aliyah Chappell and Robar were the last of 15 relay teams to break four minutes in the CIF finals.

Chappell contributed after tumbling over the last obstacle in the 100 high hurdles. Several competitors fell in that race, and Chappell alertly lunged toward the finish line to place sixth and earn a spot on the podium.

"Keaton mentioned that it was kind of like a 'graveyard'

that race," Chappell said. "I got into the blocks, and I was ready for my race. I was locked in. I felt like I was moving through all my hurdles, and then I felt someone fall on hurdle six, and I was like, 'OK, Aliyah, focus on your race.'"

"Then I heard another girl fall, and I was like, 'This is getting really chaotic.' I kind of was focusing on everything but myself. I looked up and realized that I wasn't over the finish line yet, so I knew I just had to get up and do whatever I could to try and launch myself over the finish line, so that I could get a time. I'm glad that I did. That way, I still medaled."

Marley McCullough was running in the back of the pack in the middle laps of the 3,200, but the Newport Harbor senior rallied late in the race to finish 16th overall (10:47.26) and book a return trip to Moorpark.

Fountain Valley will send a pair of pole vaulters — Viet Le and Daniella Mondino — to compete in the Masters Meet. Mondino cleared a new lifetime-best



Courtesy of Nina Paavola

OCEAN VIEW'S Jack Paavola won the CIF Southern Section Division 3 discus throw title with a mark of 170 feet, 9 inches.

height of 11-4 to place fifth in Division 1.

Marina also saw Jay Serambana advance to the state-qualifying meet in the boys' 200, as did Sachiko Karasawa, whose personal-record mark of 37-3 was good for fifth in the girls' shot put in Division 2.

A promising season on the track for Sage Hill was derailed by injury, as Jake Pirnazar saw his season end in the Pacific Hills League finals. Brady Lee, a CIF finalist in the long jump, filled the spot on the Lightning's 1,600 relay.

"Brady just stepped up," Sage Hill sprints coach Richard Colarossi said. "He goes, 'I'll do it, Coach.' I kind of looked at him like, 'You serious? Because

you've never done it before. Are you sure you know what you're getting yourself into?" He goes, 'No, Coach. I want to do it.'

"I go, 'OK, I need at least a 55-[second lap] out of you.' He put it down on the very first race, and then the following week, he did it again. All of the sudden, we're here, and he ran his PR, like a low 54, and this is a guy who has never, ever run it before."

Sage Hill's 1,600 relay team didn't qualify for Masters, but it bettered a school record that had stood since 2006. James Karahalios, Preston Simpson, Adam Pirnazar and Lee combined to clock in at 3:25.28.

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SOFTBALL

Rachel Ruiz's late homer sends Marina into CIF semifinals

BY ANDREW TURNER

SANTA FE SPRINGS — When the Marina softball team got off the bus on Wednesday, the players took notice of a fence fit for a fortress that extended from the left-field line to center field.

After the game, the Vikings were still talking

about the girl who conquered the wall at St. Paul.

Rachel Ruiz's go-ahead home run in the sixth inning was the difference, as visiting Marina defeated St. Paul 3-1 in the quarterfinals of the CIF Southern Section Division 3 playoffs.

The towering two-run shot cleared the fence, which provides an approxi-

mately 20-foot-high partition between the baseball and softball fields at the Santa Fe Springs-based private school.

"That was gone," said Shelly Luth, who coaches Marina along with Dan Hay. "That was a launch by Rachel Ruiz."

Gabriella DiBenedetto had reached base on a walk, and with two outs in the inning, Hay said he started yelling, 'Go, go, go,' when he thought the ball was going to go off the fence. In the end, she was able to trot home.

Ruiz wasn't taking any chances, either, although she cracked a wide smile as she rounded third and headed toward the plate.

"Honestly, I thought it was going to hit the top of the fence," Ruiz said. "[Hay] told us before the game, 'If you see it going to the fence, you better run.' ... I was running, and then I hear everyone cheering,



James Carbone

MARINA'S RACHEL RUIZ hits a two-run home run to take the lead against St. Paul in a CIF Southern Section Division 3 softball playoff game on Wednesday.

and I'm like, 'What is going on?'"

Ruiz said she didn't realize the ball had left the yard until she saw the umpire twirling his index finger to signal a home run.

Marina's ace pitcher Mia

Valbuena, who played a big role in the team making it to the quarterfinals, recorded 10 strikeouts and had not surrendered a hit through the first four innings. Aleena Gutierrez broke up the no-hit bid

leading off the fifth, an infield pop-up landing short of the second base position and digging into the dirt that she beat out.

The bases were loaded with one out following a hit batter and a walk. Then the second infield single of the inning — this one by Addisyn Navasu — knotted the score at 1-1.

Marina (17-13) was fortunate to get out of the inning with no further scoring from St. Paul (14-15). Audrey Prado sent a low line drive to left field. Halle Piramo made the catch and threw to third to double off the runner and bring an end to the frame.

"I was really focusing on throwing strikes," said Valbuena, who racked up a dozen strikeouts. "I feel like lately, especially, I've been able to trust my defense a lot more. They've been performing so well, so I know I have that trust in them."

It was also a redemptive moment for Piramo, who had popped up a bunt that resulted in a double play with the Vikings looking to squeeze home a run in the second inning. Avi Valbuena had doubled to the left-center gap to give Marina two runners in scoring position.

Marina will travel to Yorba Linda (16-12) for a semifinal on Saturday at 11 a.m., as the Vikings attempt to reach the CIF finals for the first time since beating Mater Dei for the Division I title in 1995.

"We're just so excited," said Mia Valbuena, who has allowed one run over 19 innings in three playoff games. "I think our school is really proud of us, too. Last time we won, my mom [Willa Parchen] was playing here, so it's pretty cool. My mom played for Shelly, too, when she came here, so it's really cool. I feel like we're all really proud of ourselves, and we're just trying to keep the momentum going throughout all these games."

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **KATHERINE SUSAN THOMPSON ROBERTSON** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **KATHERINE SUSAN THOMPSON ROBERTSON** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on **July 10, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM07** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626

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IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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BASEBALL

Laguna Beach sees remarkable season draw to a close

BY MATT SZABO

The Laguna Beach High baseball team had, by all accounts, one of the best seasons in the 88-year history of the program.

One swing certainly does not change that.

That one swing, a fifth-inning grand slam by Norco sophomore Dylan Seward, was still enough to lift the visiting Cougars to a 4-2 win over the host Breakers on Tuesday afternoon in the second round of the CIF Southern Section Division 1 playoffs.

Norco moved on to host its Big VIII League rival, top-seeded defending Division 1 champion Corona, in the quarterfinals on Friday.

Laguna Beach, competing in the top postseason division for the first time, finished its season 25-4 after falling to the No. 7-ranked team in the state of California by *Maxpreps.com*.

The Breakers, who earned an impressive win at Summit in the first round of the Division 1 playoffs, certainly proved that they belonged there.

“We had a team that could compete with anybody,” first-year Laguna Beach head coach Ryan Be-

lanto said. “I thought we had four or five arms that I trusted every single time out ... We were where we were supposed to be, in Division I. We were able to beat another top 10 team in CIF in the first round, and there’s no easy draws. You’ve got to be perfect for five straight games to win this thing.”

Breakers senior right-handed pitcher Thomas Gonzales, a transfer from JSerra, drew the start on the bump Tuesday. He struck out seven Norco batters in 4 2/3 innings, running into adversity in the fifth inning of what was a tie game.

With one out, Norco’s Wyatt Fiedler and Elijah Alvarez were both hit by pitches. Gonzales recovered to strikeout leadoff hitter Marcus Blanton, but Zion Martinez drew a full-count walk to load the bases.

Seward then unloaded them, launching a 2-and-0 changeup over the fence in right-center field, just to the right of the scoreboard at Skipper Carrillo Field. It was his fifth home run of the year for the Cougars (22-8).

“We started off a little bit slow swinging the bat this year, and we’ve just been

getting better and better,” Norco coach Gary Parcell said. “Dylan is going to be a big-time player, no doubt about it.”

Laguna Beach tried to rally against Norco junior left-handed pitcher Landon Hovermale, who went the whole way. Otis Boultinghouse roped a one-out double in the bottom of the sixth, and a single by Becker Sybirski put runners at the corners.

Lincoln Adams grounded into a fielder’s choice to the pitcher, with Sybirski out at second, but a double to center by cleanup hitter Lucien Reed scored two and halved the hosts’ deficit.

“We came out and we proved that we should be in the Division 1 playoffs,” Sybirski said. “Against Summit, against this team, we proved that we could beat any team. I’m just super glad that I got to come out here and spend my time with my brothers ... Laguna’s not known for their hitting, but I think this year, we proved [we could hit]. Especially this playoffs, we faced four DI arms and we’ve hit good against all of them.”

Dane Jenal drew a one-out walk in the bottom of



LAGUNA BEACH’S Lincoln Adams (11) slides into Norco catcher Wyatt Fiedler at home plate for a run during the second round of the CIF Southern Section Division 1 playoffs on Tuesday.

Don Leach

the seventh, bringing the potential tying run to the plate, but Hovermale got Jackson Arrasin to fly out to deep center before striking out Gonzales to end the game.

It was just the fourth loss of the season for the Pacific Coast League champion Breakers, who started the year by rattling off 12 straight wins.

On the mound, junior Branson Wade was 10-1 and

Sybirski was 7-1, both with microscopic earned-run averages under one.

“I think people doubt us,” said Sybirski, bound for the New Jersey Institute of Technology, who also led the team by hitting .424. “They have all year because of our size, but we went out and were dogs on the mound and hitting-wise. We proved that we should be a D1 team.

“It’s not the nine guys on

the field. The entire year, our dugout, everyone was in 100%. I think that was one of the biggest reasons [we won]. We had guys who really wanted to come out here, practice, work their [behind] off. Then they wouldn’t play in a game, but they didn’t care. They were true teammates. That was a big thing for me.”

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GOLD STAR

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American Revolution.

The latter is a nonprofit whose members don the traditional garb worn by Americans who fought in the American Revolution at events celebrating U.S. history and the military across the country. Members said they were proud to take part in Thursday’s educational gathering.

“It’s quite an honor,” said John Ferris, president of the organization’s California Chapter. “It’s not even something we feel like we’re personally doing, but we’re almost inhabiting the people who went ahead and did this 250 years ago. It’s very special to each one of us. We look forward to it each year, especially to share it with children.”

The morning’s featured speakers were Lisa Moncur and Karen Curreri, mothers of two soldiers who died while serving in the U.S. Army. Moncur’s son, Sgt. John Christian Barcelano, served two tours as a tank gunner. Curreri’s son, Sgt. Joseph F. Curreri, was a Green Beret aiding humanitarian efforts in the Philippines.

Moncur explained the difference between Armed Forces Day, a holiday recognizing all current and past service members, Veterans Day, which celebrates former



Eric Licas

MEMBERS OF the Paularino Elementary Band play the xylophone during a presentation Thursday during the Field of Honor Celebration at Castaways Park.

members of the military, and Memorial Day, which honors those who died while enlisted.

“It is not really appropriate to say ‘Happy Memorial Day,’ because this holiday is not a happy occasion,” Moncur said. “It doesn’t mean you have to feel sad on Memorial Day, but we should feel grateful for all of those who sacrificed so much for us, and we can and should celebrate the many freedoms we have because of their sacrifice. So, instead of wishing people a happy Memorial Day, wish them a meaningful Memorial Day.”

Moncur encouraged

students to sing patriotic songs, learn about American history and attend events commemorating Memorial Day. One such event caps the Field of Honor presentation that is scheduled for noon on Monday.

“We’ve got pipers and drummers and just a lot of pageantry,” Swinney said of the upcoming ceremony.

The Field of Honor wouldn’t be possible without the help of Marines from Camp Pendleton who trek up to Newport Beach twice each year to help install the 1,776 flags waving at Castaways Park, Swinney said. He also

thanked the city of Newport Beach as well as the fire and police departments for their support and participation.

The event is the largest event organized by the Exchange Club or Newport Harbor, and accounts for a majority of their fundraising, Swinney said. It has helped them provide around \$60,000 in scholarships for Newport-Mesa seniors last year, and \$15,000 in grants for organizations supporting families of Marines, among other charitable endeavors.

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ORANGE COUNTY elementary students sit on the sand to create a massive aerial art display at Huntington State Beach.

BEACH

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theme, “Restore Power.”

OC Coastkeeper, based in Costa Mesa, estimates that about 20% of the students had never been to the beach before Tuesday.

“I feel like the biggest takeaway that we want the kids to get is that where they live, even if it’s five, 10, 15 miles inland, is connected to this space,” OC Coastkeeper communications director Matt Sylvester said. “They belong here — this beach is for them — but also the actions that they do, if they pick up trash in their community, it’s going to impact the beach because of that

connection to the water.”

James Osborn, a third-grade teacher at Dr. Peter Marshall Elementary School in Anaheim, said his students were enjoying the day. A couple of weeks before Kids Ocean Day, OC Coastkeeper education director Genesee Ouyang visited the campus to host an assembly on marine debris and ocean conservation.

“A lot of the kids had no idea about the whole storm drain system and how when you throw something on the ground, it could end up out here at the beach,” Osborn said. “The learning part of it is really important.”

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son household earning \$108,300 — or 80% of the area median income — qualifies as low-income, while one earning \$67,700 would be very low-income, according to HUD figures.

In addition to this year’s CDBG allocation of \$907,261, the city will apply an \$172,000 of previously unspent grants, dedicating \$1.1 million toward housing rehabilitation, public facility improvements, code enforcement and public service grants.

City staff recommended \$251,720 be allocated for improvements to Wilson Street on the city’s west side, and another \$385,000 be used to fund code enforcement officers working in CDBG-eligible neighborhoods.

A sum of \$136,089 was set aside for public service grants to qualifying nonprofits, who applied for consideration and were selected in March by the Housing and Public Service Grant Committee.

The committee recommended \$26,522 for Families Forward, which targets homelessness prevention efforts on households with children; \$26,522 to Human Options, a domestic violence prevention group; \$21,219 for Project

Hope Alliance, a youth homelessness prevention organization; \$15,913 for the Assistance League of Newport-Mesa’s Operation School Bell program and \$15,913 to Trellis International, which organizes the neighbor assistance program Labors of Love.

“We did have to make some difficult decisions and recommendations, just to make sure we’re stretching the limited funds as far as possible for the biggest impact,” committee member Andrea Schmidt said Tuesday.

On the HOME funding front, the city received an annual allocation for 2025-26 of \$378,720 for rehabilitation and housing assistance and will apply a previously banked \$1,735,283 — for a total of more than \$2.11 million — toward multiple projects and initiatives.

In addition to allocating \$200,000 toward the city’s tenant-based rental assistance program, \$319,323 of the HOME funds will be used to offer loans up to \$50,000 and grants up to \$20,000 for the rehabilitation of single-family residences.

Another \$1.5 million will be banked for affordable housing projects in Costa Mesa, such as the conversion of a Motel 6 to residential units on Newport Boulevard in 2023, while

\$56,808 will be kept for the nonprofits who may act as their operators.

Some council members asked about the possibility that federal funds might be frozen under the Trump administration, but Daily said the programs have so far withstood previous threats by commanders in chief.

“It has strong bipartisan support in Congress and has prevailed anytime that it has been requested to be eliminated,” she said, citing previous efforts by Trump, George W. Bush and Barrack Obama to cut

or reduce spending, before qualifying her answer a bit.

“It’s just something that has strong support, so I don’t really see that the funding is going to be discontinued — but it’s possible.”

Mayor Pro Tem Manuel Chavez said he was pleased with the city’s allocations.

“These are dollars that we pay to the federal government, so it’s good to have them come back to us,” he said.

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BSC 226876
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BESSIE GRAY MEILY
CASE# 30-2025-01482850-PR-NC-CMC
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ORANGE

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court, at Orange County, and mail or deliver a copy to Delta J. Tereschuk, as trustee of Trust No. 01-5-12542-0 dated September 12, 1973- Trust A, wherein the decedent was the settlor, at c/o Ferruzzo & Ferruzzo,, LLP, 3737 Birch Street, Suite 400, Newport Beach, CA 92660, within the later of four months after May 23, 2025, the date of the first publication of notice to creditors or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 60 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 19103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

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**CITY OF COSTA MESA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Costa Mesa City Council at its regular meeting at City Hall Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California on **Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon as possible thereafter as the matter shall be heard, to consider:

THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FOR THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, AND HOUSING AUTHORITY WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR ADOPTION AT THIS MEETING INCLUDING THE ANNUAL UPDATE REGARDING AB 481 EQUIPMENT USE POLICY OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA GOVERNING THE USE OF POLICE SAFETY EQUIPMENT INCLUDING THE VACANCY STATUS AND RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES PER AB 2561.

Public Comments:

Members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting may find instructions to participate on the agenda. Members of the public may also submit written comments via email to the City Clerk at cityclerk@costamesaca.gov and they will be provided to the City Council, made available to the public, and will be part of the meeting record. Any written communications, photos, or other materials for copying and distribution to the City Council that are 10 pages or less, can be e-mailed to cityclerk@costamesaca.gov, submitted to the City Clerk's Office on a flash drive, or mailed to the City Clerk's Office. Kindly submit materials to the City Clerk **AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN 12:00 p.m.** on the day of the hearing, **June 3, 2025.** All materials, pictures, PowerPoint, and videos submitted for display at a public meeting must be previously reviewed by staff to verify appropriateness for general audiences. No links to YouTube videos or other streaming services will be accepted, a direct video file will need to be emailed to staff prior to each meeting in order to minimize complications and to play the video without delay. The video must be one of the following formats, .mp4, .mov or .wmv. Only one file may be included per speaker for public comments. Please note that materials submitted by the public that are deemed appropriate for general audiences will not be redacted in any way and will be posted online as submitted, including any personal contact information. For further assistance, contact the City Clerk's Office at (714) 754-5225. The City Council agenda and related documents may also be viewed on the City's website at <http://costamesaca.gov>, 72 hours prior to the public hearing date. **IF THE AFOREMENTIONED ACTION IS CHALLENGED IN COURT**, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa
Published on May 23, 2025

BSC 226856
**NOTICE OF PETITION
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
Frances Ruth Napolitano
aka Frances R. Napolitano
aka Frances Napolitano
30-2025-01482248-PR-PW-CMC**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **Frances Ruth Napolitano aka Frances R. Napolitano aka Frances Napolitano.**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **Charlene R. Napolitano** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE.**

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **Charlene R. Napolitano** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on **July 10, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. CM07** located at: 3390 HARBOR BLVD. COSTA MESA, CA 92626


The court is providing the convenience to appear for hearing by video using the court's designated video platform. This is a no cost service to the public. Go to the Court's website at The Superior Court of California - County of Orange (occourts.org) to appear remotely for Probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions. If you have difficulty connecting or are unable to connect to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance. If you prefer to appear in-person, you can appear in the department on the day/time set for your hearing.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for the Petitioner:
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**Notice of Availability
Snug Harbor Surf Park Project
Environmental Impact Report
State Clearinghouse No. 2024110238**

DATE: May 23, 2025

TO: Reviewing Agencies and Other Interested Parties

FROM: City of Newport Beach, Community Development Department, 100 Civic Center Drive, First Floor Bay B, Newport Beach, California 92660

PROJECT TITLE/SUBJECT: Snug Harbor Surf Park Project: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

PROJECT APPLICANT: Back Bay Barrels LLC

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY REVIEW PERIOD: May 23, 2025 through July 7, 2025 (45 days)

PURPOSE OF THE NOTICE:

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21165 and the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA Guidelines) Section 15050, the City of Newport Beach (City) is the Lead Agency responsible for preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Snug Harbor Surf Park Project (Project) (PA2024-0069), described below. Notice is hereby given that the City has completed a Draft EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2024110238) for the proposed Project to address the potential environmental effects associated with implementation of the proposed Project.

PROJECT LOCATION:The approximately 15.38-acre Project site is located at 3100 Irvine Avenue (APN 119-200-41), which is within the northern portion of the City of Newport Beach, near the State Route (SR) 73 Toll Road (SR 73) and SR 55. The Project is located within a portion of the Newport Beach Golf Course. The golf course is separated into three physically distinct land areas and the Project site consists of the central portion bounded by Irvine Avenue and Mesa Drive that includes the driving range, putting green, pro-shop, restaurant, parking lot, and golf course holes 1, 2, and 9. The Project does not involve changes to the northern or southern portions of the golf course. The Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve is located approximately 0.3-miles to the south of the Project site and John Wayne Airport is located approximately 1,000 feet to the north.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Snug Harbor Surf Park Project (Project) would remove all existing improvements on the Project site including the driving range, pro shop, restaurant and bar, and three holes of golf, and redevelop the site with a 5.06-acre surf lagoon that would provide four distinct surf areas for both experienced and beginner surfers. The surf lagoons would be surrounded by viewing platforms, seating, three warming pools and a spa. The Project includes development of a three-story amenity clubhouse building that would be approximately 50,341 net square feet and would contain a reception area, surf academy, fitness facility, yoga center, administration offices, staff areas, locker rooms, retail store, restaurant, a coffee bar/snack shack, and other incidental uses. The Project would also include a two-story approximately 9,432 net square foot athlete accommodation building that would have 20 units. Each unit would contain a bed, bathroom, closet, and a patio space facing the surf lagoon. The total Project development intensity would be approximately 59,772 net square feet.

To support the proposed amenities, the Project would include basement level surfboard storage, golf cart storage, golf starter shack, maintenance area, mechanical equipment storage, and freestanding restroom buildings that would total 18,138 square feet for the clubhouse building and 1,624 square feet for the freestanding storage/restroom building next to the athlete accommodation building, which are not counted towards the net development intensity (listed above) by the Parks and Recreation (PR) General Plan land use designation. The Project would maintain the existing driveway location along Irvine Avenue and the existing driveway along Mesa Drive would be relocated approximately 200 feet to the east, away from the Irvine Avenue intersection. The Project would provide two parking areas to serve both the Project and golf course, one located by the Irvine Avenue driveway that would contain 171 parking spots, and one located toward Mesa Drive that would contain 180 parking spots. Solar canopies are planned on building tops and over portions of both parking areas to implement renewable energy. The Project would also include various utility improvements and new landscaping. The existing off-site access to the golf course holes identified as the front 6 and the back 9 would be maintained.

The proposed Project would require the following discretionary approvals from the City of Newport Beach:

- **General Plan Amendment:** The Project is consistent with the existing site General Plan Land Use designation of Parks and Recreation (PR) but requires a General Plan Amendment to increase the current development limit of 20,000 net square feet (per Anomaly Number 58) to 59,772 net square feet.
- **Conditional Use Permit:** A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is required per Municipal Code 20.90.050(B)(3) for an outdoor commercial recreation use and to set the parking rate consistent with per Municipal Code Section 20.40.040. In addition, the Santa Ana Heights Specific Plan requires a CUP to allow for the construction of a building in excess of 18 feet in height.
- **Modification Permit:** A Modification Permit is required for the proposed Project because the proposed retaining walls located near the intersection of Irvine Avenue and Mesa Drive would exceed 8 feet in height.
- **Major Site Development Review:** The Project requires major site development review to construct a building with an area greater than 20,000 square feet.

In addition to the discretionary actions described above, the Project would require coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration and the Orange County Airport Land Use Commission due to the Project site proximity to John Wayne Airport.

SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS DISCUSSED IN THE EIR:

The Draft EIR determined that the proposed Project would not result in impacts to the environment that cannot be reduced to below a level of significance after implementation of project design features, compliance with applicable federal, state and local regulations, and the application of the mitigation measures identified in the Draft EIR. Mitigation measures are required for the topics of Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Geology/Soils (Paleontological Resources). All of the Project's impacts on the environment would be less than significant or would be mitigated to less than significant. The Draft EIR reflects the independent judgment of City of Newport Beach and recognizes project design features, previous environmental evaluations, regulations, and standard construction and engineering practices that are implemented through the City's development review and permitting processes as contributing to avoidance of potential impacts.

The Project site does not include any sites on an Environmental Protection Agency hazardous waste site list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

ADDRESS WHERE THE DRAFT EIR IS AVAILABLE:

The Draft EIR can be accessed online at: <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/ceqa>. Paper copies of the NOA and Draft EIR are available for review at the City of Newport Beach Community Development Department during business hours at 100 Civic Center Drive, First Floor Bay B, Newport Beach, California, 92660, and at the following locations:

- Newport Beach Public Library Central Library
1000 Avocado Avenue
Newport Beach, California 92660
- Newport Beach Public Library
Balboa Branch
100 East Balboa Boulevard
Newport Beach, California 92660
- Newport Beach Public Library Mariners Branch
1300 Irvine Avenue
Newport Beach, California 92660
- Newport Beach Public Library
Corona del Mar Branch
410 Marigold Avenue
Corona del Mar, California 92625

RESPONDING TO THIS NOTICE:

Pursuant to CEQA Section 21091, comments must be submitted in response to this notice no later than 45 days after receipt of the NOA during the public review, which begins on May 23, 2025 and ends at the close of business on **July 7, 2025**. Please include the name, phone number, and address of a contact person in your response. If your agency or organization will be a Responsible or Trustee Agency for this Project, please so indicate. All comments or other responses to this notice should be submitted in writing or email to:

Joselyn Perez, Senior Planner
City of Newport Beach,
Community Development Department
100 Civic Center Drive
Newport Beach, California 92660
JPerez@newportbeachca.gov
949.644.3312

STUDY SESSION:

The Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to hold a study session on the Project at a regular meeting to be held on June 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., or soon thereafter, at the City of Newport Beach Civic Center Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660. This study session is an informational meeting. The public can attend the study session; however, no action on the Project will be taken at the study session. For additional information, please contact Joselyn Perez, Senior Planner, at 949-644-3312 or at jperez@newportbeachca.gov.

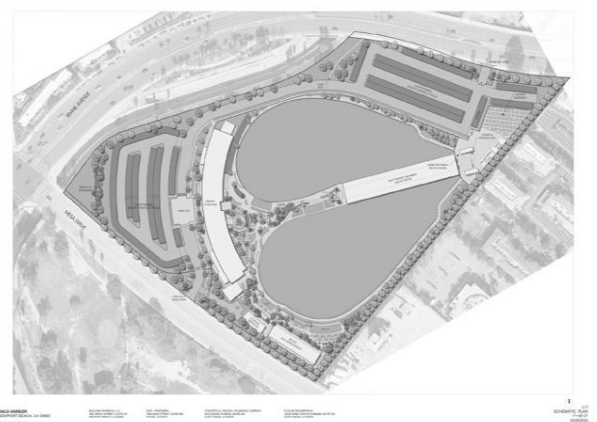
ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE AND FUTURE PUBLIC HEARINGS:

It is currently anticipated that the Newport Beach Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing for the proposed Project and Draft EIR in July 2025 and that the City Council will conduct a public hearing for the proposed Project and Draft EIR in August 2025. The date, time, and place of future public hearings will be appropriately notified per City and CEQA requirements.


Joselyn Perez
Senior Planner

City of Newport Beach
Date: May 23, 2025

Site Plan



**CITY OF COSTA MESA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Costa Mesa City Council at the regular meeting on **Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.**, or as soon as possible thereafter, regarding Reauthorization of the Business Improvement Area (BIA) assessment of three percent (3%) for certain Costa Mesa hotels and motels for Fiscal Year 2025-26, Resolution 2025-07 attached.

Public Comments:

Members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting may find instructions to participate on the agenda. Members of the public may also submit written comments via email to the City Clerk at cityclerk@costamesaca.gov and they will be provided to the City Council, made available to the public, and will be part of the meeting record. Any written communications, photos, or other materials for copying and distribution to the City Council that are 10 pages or less, can be e-mailed to cityclerk@costamesaca.gov, submitted to the City Clerk's Office on a flash drive, or mailed to the City Clerk's Office. Kindly submit materials to the City Clerk **AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN 12:00 p.m.** on the day of the hearing, **June 3, 2025.** All materials, pictures, PowerPoint, and videos submitted for display at a public meeting must be previously reviewed by staff to verify appropriateness for general audiences. No links to YouTube videos or other streaming services will be accepted, a direct video file will need to be emailed to staff prior to each meeting in order to minimize complications and to play the video without delay. The video must be one of the following formats, .mp4, .mov or .wmv. Only one file may be included per speaker for public comments. Please note that materials submitted by the public that are deemed appropriate for general audiences will not be redacted in any way and will be posted online as submitted, including any personal contact information. For further assistance, contact the City Clerk's Office at (714) 754-5225. The City Council agenda and related documents may also be viewed on the City's website at <http://costamesaca.gov>, 72 hours prior to the public hearing date. **IF THE AFOREMENTIONED ACTION IS CHALLENGED IN COURT**, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa
Published on May 23, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 FOR A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA COVERING CERTAIN COSTA MESA HOTELS AND MOTELS AND SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, in adopting the Parking and Business Improvement Area Law of 1989 (California Streets and Highways Code sections 36500, et seq.), the California Legislature authorized cities to levy assessments on businesses in order to promote economic revitalization and tourism, to create jobs, attract new businesses, and prevent erosion of business districts; and WHEREAS, on July 5, 1995, by Ordinance No. 95-9, the City Council adopted a business improvement area, commonly known as the Costa Mesa Tourism & Promotion Business Improvement Area ("BIA"), the purpose of which is to promote tourism to the City and to fund programs and activities that benefit the hotel and motel businesses within the City of Costa Mesa; and WHEREAS, the eleven (11) hotels and motels listed in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, are currently subject to the assessment; and WHEREAS, the City Council appointed the general managers of the 11 hotels and motels subject to the assessment to serve as the advisory board as required by California Streets and Highways Code section 36530; and WHEREAS, said advisory board is known as Travel Costa Mesa ("TCM"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has voted to continue the special assessment for the BIA each year since its inception, and it has been levied upon the 11 hotel and motel businesses listed in Exhibit A; and WHEREAS, in January 2000, the City Council approved an increase in the assessment, raising the assessment from one percent (1%) to two percent (2%) based on the sale of overnight room stays; and WHEREAS, in November 2020, the City Council approved an increase in the assessment, raising the assessment from two percent (2%) to three percent (3%) based on the sale of overnight room stays; and WHEREAS, the City desires to levy and collect a three percent (3%) assessment within the BIA for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; and WHEREAS, this Resolution of Intention will commence proceedings under the Parking and Business Improvement Area Law of 1989 to levy the annual assessment of the Costa Mesa Tourism & Promotion Business Improvement Area for the 2025-26 Fiscal Year; and WHEREAS, the Agenda Report and its attachments for the May 6, 2025 City Council meeting filed with the City Clerk set forth a detailed description of the activities to be provided in the 2025-26 Fiscal Year, the boundaries of the Business Improvement Area, the benefit zone of the area, and the proposed assessments to be levied upon the businesses within the area for the coming fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa as follows:

Section 1. Intention: Assessment. The City Council hereby declares its intention to levy and collect assessments in the Costa Mesa Tourism & Promotion Business Improvement Area for Fiscal Year 2025-26 pursuant to California Streets & Highways Code §§ 36500 et seq. The boundaries of the Costa Mesa Tourism & Promotion Business Improvement Area are the 11 motels and hotels listed in Exhibit A. The proposed amount of the annual assessment is three percent (3%) based on the sale of overnight room stays. New hotel and motel businesses commenced after the effective date of the resolution levying the assessment will be exempt from the levy of assessment, pursuant to California Streets & Highways Code § 36531.

Section 2. Annual Report. An annual report on the Costa Mesa Tourism & Promotion Business Improvement Area has been prepared by TCM, acting as the advisory board, as required by California Streets & Highways Code §§ 36533 and 36534. Said report is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Section 3. Types of Activities to Be Funded. The type or types of activities to be funded by and through the annual levy of assessments on businesses within the Costa Mesa Tourism & Promotion Council Business Improvement Area are specified in the referenced annual report and Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Section 4. Reporting and Remitting to the City of Costa Mesa Finance Department. Each hotel/motel owner shall separate the Business Improvement Assessment from the Transient Occupancy Tax on guest billing statements. The specific term "Business Improvement Assessment" shall be included on the billing to identify the assessment amount. The hotel/motel owner shall collect and subsequently remit the assessment to the Costa Mesa Finance Department at the same time and manner as the Transient Occupancy Tax. A ten percent (10%) penalty and half percent (0.5%) interest will be assessed on late remittances.

Section 5. Method and Basis of Levy. To allow each business owner to estimate the amount of the assessment to be levied against his or her business, the method and basis of levying the assessment are set forth in the annual report relative to the Business Improvement Area, Ordinance No. 95-9, and Exhibit B.

Section 5. Time and Place of Public Hearing. The time and place of the public hearing on the levy of an annual assessment for Fiscal Year 2025-26 shall be 7:00 p.m. on June 3, 2025. At the public hearing set forth above, the testimony of all interested persons for or against the annual levy of the assessment for the Business Improvement Area, the extent of the area, and/or the furnishing of specific types of improvements or activities will be heard by the City Council.

Section 6. Protests. Consistent with California Streets & Highways Code §§ 36524 and 36525, the following rules shall apply to all protests:

- (a) A protest may be made orally or in writing by any interested person. Any protest pertaining to the regularity or sufficiency of the proceedings shall be in writing and shall clearly set forth the irregularity or defect to which the objection is made.
- (b) Every written protest shall be filed with the City Clerk's Office, Costa Mesa City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Room 101, Costa Mesa, California 92626, at or before the time fixed for the public hearing as set forth above.
- (c) The City Council may waive any irregularity in the form or content of any written protest, and, at the public hearing, may correct minor defects in the proceedings.
- (d) A written protest may be withdrawn in writing at any time before the conclusion of the public hearing.
- (e) Each written protest shall contain a description of the business in which the person subscribing the protest is interested sufficient to identify the business and, if a person subscribing is not shown on the official records of the City as the owner of the business, the protest shall contain or be accompanied by written evidence that the person subscribing is the owner of the business. A written protest which does not comply with this section shall not be counted in determining a majority protest.
- (f) If written protests are received from the owners of businesses in the proposed Business Improvement Area which will pay fifty percent (50%) or more of the assessments to be levied and protests are not withdrawn so as to reduce the protests to less than the fifty percent (50%), no further proceedings on the proposal to continue to levy the Business Improvement Area assessment, as specified by this Resolution, shall be taken by the City Council for a period of one year from the date of the finding of a majority protest.
- (g) If the majority protest is only against the furnishing of a specified type or types of improvement or activity within the Business Improvement Area, those types of improvements or activities shall be eliminated.

Section 7. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Resolution of Intention to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City at least seven (7) days before the June 4, 2025 public hearing.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May, 2025.

John Stephens
John Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Green
Brenda Green, City Clerk

Kimberly Hall Barlow
Kimberly Hall Barlow, City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss
CITY OF COSTA MESA)

I, BRENDA GREEN, City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is the original of Resolution No. 2025-07 and was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa at a regular meeting held on the 6th day of May, 2025, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: BULEY, GAMEROS, MARR, PETTIS, REYNOLDS, CHAVEZ, AND STEPHENS.
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE.
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereby set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Costa Mesa this 7th day of May, 2025.

Brenda Green
Brenda Green, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

The Business Improvement Area ("BIA") benefit zone encompasses the entire City of Costa Mesa boundaries. It is anticipated that the entire City, including businesses and residents, will benefit from increased revenues generated by the activities financed by the BIA assessment.

The following businesses will be included in the BIA that is established pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code sections 36500, et seq., the businesses commonly known as:

Avenue of the Arts, A Tribute Portfolio Hotel

Property Address: 3350 Avenue of the Arts, Costa Mesa
Business Owner: Rosanna Inc.

3350 Avenue of the Arts Costa Mesa, CA 92627
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3350 Avenue of the Arts Costa Mesa, CA 92627
Ayres Country Inn & Suites

Property Address: 325 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa
Business Owner: Newport Country Inn & Suites, Inc.

355 Bristol Street, Suite A Costa Mesa, CA 92626
Property Owner: Newport Country Inn & Suites, Inc.
355 Bristol Street, Suite A Costa Mesa, CA 92626
Best Western Plus Newport Mesa Inn

Property Address: 2642 Newport Boulevard, Costa Mesa
Business Owner: James Hsuen

Shang-Pu Lee
2642 Newport Boulevard, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
Property Owner: James Hsuen
Shang-Pu Lee

2642 Newport Boulevard, Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Crowne Plaza

Property Address: 3131 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa
Business Owner: Brighton Management

20342 SW Acacia St. Newport Beach, CA 92660
Property Owner: Brighton Bristol Street LLC
3131 Bristol Street Costa Mesa, CA 92626
Hilton

Property Address: 3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa
Business Owner: Ashford TRS CMC LLC

14185 Dallas Parkway, Suite 1100
Dallas, TX 75254
Property Owner: Remington Lodging & Hospitality LP
14185 Dallas Parkway, Suite 1100
Dallas, TX 75254
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites

Property Address: 2070 Newport Boulevard, Costa Mesa
Business Owner: Narendra B. Patel

2070 Newport Blvd. Costa Mesa, CA 92667
Property Owner: Narendra B. Patel
2070 Newport Blvd. Costa Mesa, CA 92667
Costa Mesa Marriott

Property Address: 500 Anton Boulevard, Costa Mesa
Business Owner: Starwood Capital Group

591 West Putnam Avenue Greenwich, CT 06830
Property Owner: HEI Hotels & Resorts
101 Merritt 7 Corporate Park, 1st Floor Norwalk, CT 06851

QC Hotel Costa Mesa (Formerly BLVD Hotel)

Property Address: 2430 Newport Boulevard, Costa Mesa
Business Owner: Sai Hospitality Services, LLC

11556 Manchester Way Porter Ranch, CA 91326
Property Owner: Sanjay Panchal
11556 Manchester Way Porter Ranch, CA 91326
Ramada Inn & Suites Costa Mesa

Property Address: 1680 Superior Avenue, Costa Mesa
Business Owner: B.D. Inns Inc./Ramada Ltd.

1680 Superior Ave. Costa Mesa, CA 92627
Property Owner: B.D. Inns Inc./Ramada Ltd.
1680 Superior Ave. Costa Mesa, CA 92627
Residence Inn by Marriott

Property Address: 881 Baker Street, Costa Mesa
Business Owner: Marriott International

10400 Fernwood Rd.
Bethesda, MD 20817
Property Owner: BRE Select Hotels and Resorts

6201 15th Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11219
The Westin South Coast Plaza Hotel

Property Address: 686 Anton Boulevard, Costa Mesa
Business Owner: Host Hotels & Resorts

6903 Rockledge Dr., Suite 1500
Bethesda, MD 20817
Property Owner: CJ Segerstrom & Sons
c/o South Coast Plaza 686 Anton Boulevard Costa Mesa, CA 92626

EXHIBIT B

The BIA assessment will be used to fund Travel Costa Mesa ("TCM"). TCM will fund activities to promote tourism in Costa Mesa and will sponsor related tourist events that benefit the hotel and motel businesses within the City.

Revenue

A three percent (3%) levy will be assessed against each of the 11 hotels listed in Exhibit A, based on the net revenue from the sale of overnight room stays.

Business owners shall pay the assessment to the Costa Mesa City Finance Department on a monthly basis. A penalty and interest shall be assessed on late payments.

Note: New hotel and motel businesses commenced after the effective date of this resolution will be exempt from the levy of assessment.