
Re: November 3, 2026 Newport Beach Special Election

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Date Thu 9/17/2026 2:25 PM

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Lena:

I apologize for my delayed response. I was evaluating whether the City's consultation with Secretary of State officials this week and the threat of litigation against the City submitted Sunday by Hickey & Associates would warrant me amending any statements I have provided to you and the City in prior correspondence.

As you prepare for the special City Council meeting tonight, I can share that the City can continue to rely upon my prior correspondence. Additionally, I cannot provide guidance to the City about how it should proceed.

Thank you.

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Subject: RE: November 3, 2026 Newport Beach Special Election

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Bob,

Just following up for the September 29th meeting. Based on your letter, and concerns with the Resolution, do we need to approve and send revised resolution? We have a council meeting next week and I could place it on the agenda.

Thank you,



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From: Page, Bob <bob.page@ocvote.gov>
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Lena:

Thank you for informing the County of Orange Registrar of Voters of the actions taken by the City Council during its special meeting today. Attached is a letter providing the Registrar of Voters' response to City of Newport Beach Resolution No. 2026-83.

Thank you.

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Bob,

Today, September 11, 2026, the Newport Beach City Council approved the resolutions necessary to call and conduct a Special Municipal Election on November 3, 2026, for consideration of three citizen-sponsored Charter amendment initiatives:

- Public Meetings, Public Records, Oversight, and Enforcement Initiative
- Lifetime City Council Term Limits Initiative
- District-Only Voting Initiative

The approved resolutions are attached, including Resolution No. 2026-83 requesting specified election services from the County of Orange. While the County is not being asked to administer the City's Special Municipal Election, the County's assistance is critical because it maintains voter registration records, signature records, and other information necessary for the City to conduct the election. The City will administer the election separately and will remain responsible for ballot production, processing, tabulation, canvass, and general election administration. Due to the extremely compressed timeframe for the November 3 election, the City is requesting that the Registrar provide, as soon as possible, a current data file for bulk voter registration signature images necessary for the City to

conduct signature verification of returned ballots. The City will also require continuing voter registration updates as the election proceeds.

Please let us know immediately if there are any forms, agreements, security requirements, fees, or other steps the City must complete to obtain the data.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation as we work under these very compressed election deadlines.

Sincerely,



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