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Re: *City of Newport Beach et al. v. Newport Beach Stewardship Association, et al.*  
Orange County Superior Court Case No. 30-2026-01559183-CU-JR-NJC

Dear Mr. Dhillon and Mr. Stromberg:

I am writing on behalf of the Orange County Registrar of Voters. We are in receipt of the copy of the ex parte application that your firm transmitted in the above-referenced matter. As you are aware, the Registrar of Voters ("Registrar") is not a party to this litigation. The Registrar takes no position on (1) whether the City of Newport Beach is required to conduct an election on November 3, 2026 for the measures for which it had scheduled an election in November 2028, or (2) whether the City is capable of independently conducting such an election on November 3, 2026. For clarity, the City Clerk of the City of Newport Beach, not the Orange County Registrar of Voters, is the election official for the City and bears responsibility for conducting municipal elections.

As previously communicated, requests for consolidation of a municipal election with a statewide election are governed by Section 10403 of the Elections Code. Under that statute, a city requesting consolidation with the November 3, 2026 statewide general election was required to file its resolution no later than August 7, 2026 (88 days before the election). The County did not receive a request for consolidation for the three measures that are the subject of the ex parte application on or before August 7, 2026. The Registrar will continue to follow applicable law

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and established election deadlines, including those governing consolidation requests under Elections Code section 10403.

Very truly yours,

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