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CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
2012 CHARTER UPDATE COMMITTEE

Report to the City Council

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Committee Meeting – _____, 2012

Report

This Report transmits recommendations from the Charter Update Committee to the Newport Beach City Council for updating the City's Charter. These recommendations are being provided to assist the City Council in determining whether measures to update and modernize the City Charter should be placed on the ballot for the upcoming November 6, 2012 general municipal election.

The Charter Update Committee ("Committee") was established by Resolution No. 2012-32 of the Newport Beach City Council on May 8, 2012. After an application process, the Newport Beach City Council appointed seven citizens to the Committee on May 22, 2012. The Committee was tasked with reviewing sections of the Charter and making recommendations for changes. The sections reviewed include those which could be modernized to reflect modern-day practices and improve the efficiency of the City and sections that could benefit from possible update for policy reasons.

The Charter Update Committee convened its first meeting on May 24, 2012 and continued to meet each week through the months of May and June, 2012. The Committee held its final meeting on _____, 2012.

The Committee considered a total of 43 Charter sections. Of these, the Committee recommends that ___ be left unchanged, ___ be amended, and ___ be repealed.

The attached redlined version of all 43 Charter sections considered by the Committee reflects those sections which were recommended by the Committee to remain unchanged, those which were recommended by the Committee to be amended, and those which were recommended by the Committee to be repealed.

The Committee wishes to acknowledge the City staff as an invaluable resource to the Committee. Without exception, the staff was well organized, well prepared, and responsive to requests from the Committee and cordial to work with. The Committee expresses its deep gratitude to the staff for a job well done.

Finally, the Committee wishes to thank the Council for the opportunity to be of service to the City.