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City Hall and Park Design Presentations Set For Saturday, September 27

NEWPORT BEACH, Ca. – After several months of planning and preparation, the five teams participating in the Newport Beach City Hall & Park project design competition will unveil their concept plans during an all-day meeting on Saturday, September 27. The public meeting will begin at 8 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, 3300 Newport Boulevard, and is expected to last into the evening.

The teams participating in the competition include:

- Bohlin Cywinski Jackson, San Francisco
- Gonzalez Goodale Architects, Pasadena
- Johnson Fain, Los Angeles
- LPA, Inc., Irvine
- Rossetti Architects, Newport Beach.

The meeting will be led by the City Hall Design Committee, a group of local professionals established by the Newport Beach City Council and charged with conducting the project's design competition. The committee includes Chairman Larry Tucker, landscape architect Andy Bowden and architects Rush Hill, Walt Richardson, Stephen Sandland and Linda Taylor.

Each design team will have 90 minutes to present their architectural and landscape concepts for the City Hall building and the adjacent 12.8-acre park. An extensive question and answer period will be conducted after each presentation. The agenda includes a 45-minute recess for lunch at 1 p.m. and one-hour break for dinner at 5 p.m. The committee will reconvene the meeting after the dinner break to seek public comments on any aspect of the finalists' presentations.

The design committee will continue to meet during the fall to rank the five concept plans and forward recommendations to the City Council. The City Council expects to act on the committee recommendations, selecting one concept plan or elements of more than one plan, in mid- to late-November 2008.

The September 27 meeting will be videotaped and a synopsis of the five presentations will be replayed on NBTV (the city's government channel) on Time Warner channel 3, Cox channel 30/852 and on the city's website.

For more information about the project or a copy of the meeting agenda, please visit www.city.newport-beach.ca.us and select the City Hall Design & Master Plan button located on the home page.

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