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## Newport Beach City Candidate Forum

2024 City Council Candidates Share Visions

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NEWPORT BEACH CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM

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HEAR THEIR GOALS FOR OUR CITY AND FOR YOU**

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\*Incumbents Brad Avery (D2) and Will O'Neill (D7) term out this year.

Visit the City's Election webpage to see additional candidate information and their financial disclosures.  
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*By Paul Bartlau and Walt Howald, Membership Committee Co-Chairs*



On behalf of our Board of Directors and friends of the Corona del Mar Residents Association, thank you for your continued support. We rely on your annual membership to fund our mission.

As members, CdmRA gives you a VOICE, providing you with the opportunity to express your concerns about issues and regulations that impact your quality of life as a resident. Benefits include admission to our monthly meetings, members-only email newsletters, participation in our surveys and polls and more.

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**CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH MUNICIPAL ELECTION GUIDE**

Our thanks to the City Council Candidates who provided material for CdmRA's **Special Election Edition Newsletter**

Note: Newport Beach has seven unique geographic City Council districts. However, each Newport Beach voter may cast votes for every City Council candidate, regardless of district. Three districts are participating in the 2024 election.

[Click here to view the City Council District map.](#)

**NOAH BLOM, DISTRICT 5 INCUMBENT CANDIDATE**

[NoahforNewport.com](http://NoahforNewport.com)



For information about Noah and his campaign for re-election, please visit the website noted above or view the candidate statement published [here on the City's website.](#)

## **MICHELLE BARTO, DISTRICT 2 CANDIDATE**

[BartoForNewport.com](http://BartoForNewport.com)



I'm Michelle Barto, and I'm running for Newport Beach City Council in District 2. I've had the privilege of growing up in this beautiful community and am now raising my four children here with my husband, who's also a Newport Beach native. We're deeply grateful for the opportunity to give our kids the same wonderful upbringing we experienced.

My commitment to Newport Beach extends beyond my family life. I'm a Newport Beach business owner, currently serve as a Newport-Mesa Unified School Board Trustee and am deeply involved in various community organizations. This city has shaped me, and I'm driven to give back and preserve what makes Newport Beach so special.

My decision to run for City Council stems from my belief that our community needs strong leadership to protect it from harmful policies coming from Sacramento. Over the past six years in my current elected position, I've deepened my insights into our city's needs and have built partnerships that have already made positive impacts.

One of my proudest achievements has been working with our exceptional Newport Beach Police to increase the number of Student Resource Officers in our schools, enhancing safety for our children. If elected to the City Council, I pledge to continue prioritizing public safety, maintaining our uniquely wonderful harbor, and preserving the charm and quality of life that define Newport Beach.

My goals for our city are clear:

1. Keep our neighborhoods safe
2. Maintain a clean and enjoyable harbor
3. Preserve our community's unique character and high quality of life
4. Protect our city from detrimental policies from Sacramento

I'm honored to have earned the support of many respected local leaders, including OC Sheriff Don Barnes, the Newport Beach Fire Association, our Newport Beach Lifeguard Association, Mayor Will O'Neill, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Stapleton, and council members Grant, Blom, Weigand, and Avery.

My dedication to our community extends to my volunteer work and board memberships. I serve on the boards of Pretend City Children's Museum, Coastline ROP, Orange County School Board's Association, Harbor Council PTA, National Charity League Newport Chapter, and Balboa Bay Club. I also volunteer alongside my children with organizations like the Assistance League of Newport-Mesa, Project Hope Alliance, and Someone Cares Soup Kitchen.

Newport Beach is more than just my home—it's a community I'm passionate about serving. I believe my experience, established relationships, and unwavering commitment to our city make me well-equipped to address the challenges we face. I'm asking for your vote to continue working hard for our community, preserving what we love about Newport Beach while preparing for the future.

Together, we can ensure that Newport Beach remains the amazing city we're all proud to call home.

## NANCY SCARBROUGH, DISTRICT 2 CANDIDATE

[NancyForNewport.com](http://NancyForNewport.com)



My name is Nancy Scarbrough. I am running for City Council District 2, which is Brad Avery's district. Brad will be termed out in 2024, and he has endorsed me as candidate for City Council District 2.

I have been a resident of Newport Heights since 2005. My partner, Charles Klobe, and I have 4 sons. Three of our four sons attended Newport Beach schools, including Newport Heights Elementary, Ensign Jr. High and Newport Harbor High School. Two of our sons served in the military. My oldest son was in the Iraq War and Charlse oldest son is an active-duty Navy Seal.

I have been a small business owner for 38 years. My company designs, plans and provides project management services for medical offices. Most of our projects are in the Inland Empire, none of them are in Newport Beach.

For many years, I've championed the concerns of Newport Beach residents on the issues of housing, homelessness and city finances. I haven't just watched but I have actively shaped our community's course. My experience extends through significant roles – from scrutinizing financial matters on the City Finance Committee to being a part of the General Plan Advisory Committee, shaping the very blueprint for our city's growth. I've been at the forefront, speaking up about our housing challenges and the state-mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) since 2020.

**Public Safety** - My community leadership and commitment to protecting public safety has earned my candidacy the endorsement of our Newport Beach Police Association.

*"Nancy is a trusted leader who is dedicated to equipping the Newport Beach Police Department with the essential tools to maintain our community's safety. As a current Newport Beach Finance Committee member, she possesses a deep understanding of city operations, and we are excited to endorse Nancy of City Council."* Newport Beach Police Association

We are fortunate that our first responders are well trained and have good leadership. Maintaining the exceptional level of safety our residents enjoy and expect, while responding to State and Federal laws and policies will be my primary focus. It is incumbent on us to provide our Police and Fire Departments with the tools necessary to provide the exceptional service that our residents deserve and expect.

**Housing and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)** – I have followed the housing issues handed down from the State in our Regional Housing Needs Assessment. I have spoken about this in City Council meetings, Planning Commission meetings and various community meetings for several years. The State mandated that Newport Beach plan for 4,845 new residential units. The City Council recently approved a Housing Element that will allow for the entitlement of 15,000 to 20,000 new high-density apartments. This is just wrong. Our current Housing Element needs to be revisited. Further, the Council voted to bypass our City Charter Section 423 (commonly known as Greenlight). That means that these high-density developments will be approved without further citizen input. This is even more unacceptable. SPON has sued the City to stop this overreach. I agree that the City Council should not have denied the residents the right to vote on the Housing and Land Use Elements and I will fight to have that decision reversed. I believe this will be the biggest issue facing Newport Beach for several years to come.

**Newport Beach Finance Committee** – I have served on the Newport Beach Finance Committee since 2021. I am a taxpayer advocate. We review the City's budgets and revenue projections and make recommendations to the City Council regarding capital improvement budgets, investment policies, department functions and audits. It is a great place to learn about our city's operations.

**General Plan Advisory Committee** - I participate in the planning for the future of Newport Beach as a member of the Newport Beach General Plan Advisory Committee and several of the sub-committees on Safety, Natural Resources, Recreation and the Vision statement.

**Newport Beach Housing Trust** - I am on the Formation Committee for the Newport Beach Housing Trust, whose purpose is to be a mechanism to assist in the financing for affordable housing projects focused on housing for local young families, seniors and workforce (police and fire, hospital workers) who struggle to afford housing in Newport Beach because of the high cost of housing. You can learn more about the Housing Trust at [nbhousingtrust.org](http://nbhousingtrust.org).



## NANCY SCARBROUGH, DISTRICT 2 CANDIDATE

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**Airport Issues-** I have closely monitored issues surrounding John Wayne Airport, preparing for critical negotiations that impact us all. I have spoken at the County against the facility changes for the General Aviation plans and will participate in the future negotiations for the Settlement Agreement coming up in 2030.

Newport Beach isn't just where we live; it's a treasure trove of opportunities, embodying hard work, innovation, and community spirit. I promise to advocate tirelessly for a balance of progress and preservation, making sure we all continue to thrive.

As your new City Councilwoman, I will always put the concerns of Newport Beach residents first. Please contact me by phone at (949-887-6974), by email at [Nancy@NancyForNewport.com](mailto:Nancy@NancyForNewport.com) or visit my website [NancyForNewport.com](http://NancyForNewport.com) for more information.

## JEFF HERDMAN, DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATE

Contact me at (949) 922-3594



Occupation  
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Eight years ago, you elected me to be an independent voice of reason on the Newport Beach City Council. I worked hard to honor that commitment.

I intend to do that again by:

- Preserving your right to vote on all General Plan updates;
- Reducing homelessness in a humane manner that expands job training, housing resources and medical treatment;
- Protecting public safety through support of the Newport Beach Police Department and endorsement of Proposition 36 to reform state laws and stop 'smash and grab' robberies;
- Seeing the re-negotiating the Airport Settlement Agreement to a successful conclusion;
- Protecting and maintaining our special quality of life.

Over the past four years I have dedicated much of my time to serving on the Still Protecting Our Newport (SPON) Board, the Newport Beach Arts Foundation Board, and offered my expertise and experience to Trellis (a faith-based organization). I helped to lead the campaign against Measure B (Elect Mayor of Newport Beach). My wife and I are active members of St. Andrews Church.

I am a 26-year full-time resident of Newport Beach. I was honored to serve as the District 5 City Councilman from 2016 to 2020. Our entire family cares deeply about our community.

I respectfully ask for your vote. Please visit my website [VoteJeffHerdman.com](http://VoteJeffHerdman.com) or contact me at 949/922-3594.



## MILES PATRICOLA, DISTRICT 7 CANDIDATE

[MilesForNewport.com](http://MilesForNewport.com)

My first job was folding napkins and refilling the ice bin behind the bar at Rothschild's restaurant, my family's business over on PCH. I grew up in the Port Streets, went to school at Andersen Elementary, CDM High School and then Orange Coast College where I studied Sociology. I started organizing Town Halls and local volunteer events on my days off from serving world class Italian food at the family business and community engagement became an increasingly larger part of my life.

My hobby evolved into a career when a university professor at UCI asked me to work on his congressional campaign and I joined his team. After that, my path was set. I decided to dedicate my career to supporting and improving our community by staying actively engaged with local leaders, understanding the issues people care about, asking people to share their perspectives and building coalitions to find the best solutions.

Over the past eight years, I have managed offices for ballot measure campaigns, led voter registration teams, and worked with several humanitarian nonprofit organizations, including the Human Rights Campaign and the Nature Conservancy. These experiences have equipped me with the skills and insights necessary to join the City Council and serve our city.

I learned how to follow. I'm ready to lead. Although the role of a City Council member is considered part-time, I will make it my full-time commitment. My campaign has earned the support of former City Council members and local leaders who are helping me prepare to serve you from day one. The needs and interests of Newport Beach residents will always be my top priority, and I will honor the responsibility of being your representative.

Every candidate advocates for essential issues such as fiscal responsibility, maintaining high property values, clean water, quality education, and public safety. In addition to these important issues, I am focused on addressing the specific concerns of people from each neighborhood.

My campaign priorities include:

- Opposing airport expansion and ensuring that aircraft departing from John Wayne Airport ascend at a higher angle and fly slower to minimize noise for neighborhoods under the flight path.
- Implementing incentive programs for business owners to hire unhoused individuals from the Costa Mesa Bridge Shelter, helping to address homelessness in our community.
- Investing in coastal protection through the development of artificial reefs and living shorelines, including sand dunes and kelp forests, to safeguard against rising sea levels and tidal surges.
- Establishing fair long-term mooring rates and creating a second, fair rate structure for those who live aboard their boats in the harbor.
- Preventing hedge funds from acquiring new housing developments built as part of the Housing Element implementation.
- Defending women's rights to access reproductive healthcare services and ensuring that our city will be a safe, supportive community for women who are traveling here from out of state.
- Enhancing bike lane safety to prevent e-bike-related accidents involving teenagers and providing parents with the resources needed to keep their children safe.

My campaign is about you. My lifelong connection to Newport Beach has prepared me to serve as your City Council member with dedication, integrity, and a clear vision for the betterment of our community. With respect, humility and with a bit of courage, I'm asking for your vote.

Visit my website at [milesfornewport.com](http://milesfornewport.com) to explore the full range of local issues I am addressing. Your input is invaluable. Please send me an email to share your perspectives and your suggestions on how we can work together to find effective solutions and improve the city we call home.



## SARA WEBER, DISTRICT 7 CANDIDATE

[SaraForNewport.com](http://SaraForNewport.com)

Newport Beach has always been my home—a place where I was fortunate to grow up, and where I now have the privilege of raising my two daughters. My name is Sara Weber, and I am asking for your vote for Newport Beach City Council – District 7.

From an early age, I've been deeply rooted in this community. I attended Our Lady Queen of Angels School as a child, and today, I have the joy of watching my daughters walk those same halls. I continued my education at Corona del Mar High School before earning both my Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Accounting from the University of San Diego. I completed my studies in just four years, driven by a passion for numbers and a commitment to excellence.

During my junior year at USD, I interviewed with the Big Four accounting firms in Orange County and was thrilled to accept a job offer from Deloitte. After graduation, I returned to Newport Beach, and in the summer of 2006, I began my career with Deloitte. I passed the CPA exam, became a certified public accountant, and dedicated almost 15 years to the firm. It was there that I met my husband, and together, we now own and operate our own accounting firm, which has grown to 50 employees and three offices across California.

Newport Beach is not just where I live—it's where I've lived my entire life. I was born at Hoag Hospital, played AYSO soccer at San Miguel Park, served pancake breakfasts at the OASIS Senior Center, and spent countless summer days at sailing camps. My life in Newport Beach has been full of treasured moments, from Duffy rides on the harbor to living near the Peninsula, and now raising my family in Spyglass. There truly is no place like Newport Beach.

Last summer marked a significant milestone for our family. My youngest daughter was accepted into the TK program at Our Lady Queen of Angels, bringing both of my girls under one roof and allowing for a single school drop-off and pick-up. It was a reminder of how much this community has given me, and I knew it was time to give back in a meaningful way.

Newport Beach is defined by its public safety and quality of life—values that I hold dear. As your Councilmember, I am committed to ensuring that Newport Beach remains the safest and most well-run city. I am honored to have the endorsement of the Newport Beach Police Association, Newport Beach Fire Association, Orange County Sheriff Don Barnes, the entire Newport Beach City Council, and numerous other community leaders.

With 15 years of experience as a Certified Public Accountant, I bring a unique skill set that equips me to manage our city's finances with precision and responsibility. But my qualifications go beyond my professional background. I have also made a personal commitment to understanding the intricacies and demands of law enforcement in our community. Completing the Citizens Police Academy and the Distinguished Citizens Program has been instrumental in this journey. The Citizens Police Academy deepened my appreciation for the men and women dedicated to protecting our city, while the Distinguished Citizens Program provided me with invaluable insights into the operations of our city's various departments. These experiences have given me a thorough understanding of how Newport Beach functions, further strengthening my commitment to ensuring our city remains safe, efficiently managed, and a vibrant place to live.

- **Fully funding public safety:** Ensuring that our first responders have the resources they need to keep our community safe is my top priority. I am committed to supporting our police, fire, and emergency services by providing them with the tools, training, and technology they need to perform their duties at the highest level.
- **Maintaining a balanced budget:** I will ensure that your tax dollars are invested wisely in essential services and infrastructure, maximizing the benefits to our community without compromising our fiscal health. Every dollar will be spent with the utmost care and accountability.
- **Preserving local control:** I will work tirelessly alongside our Police Officers and fellow Councilmembers to protect Newport Beach from the overreach of aggressive and unsafe policies coming from Sacramento. Our city's unique character and autonomy must be preserved.
- **Enhancing quality of life:** I will prioritize investments in water quality, open spaces, parks, and beaches to ensure that Newport Beach remains a beautiful and vibrant place to live for generations to come.

I am dedicated to serving Newport Beach with integrity, transparency, and an unwavering commitment to our community's well-being. My experiences, both personal and professional, have prepared me to be an effective advocate for our city. I believe that by working together, we can keep Newport Beach the extraordinary place we all know and love.

I humbly ask for your vote and support as we work together to build a bright future for Newport Beach. Thank you.

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