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10 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
11 FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, NORTH JUSTICE CENTER
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13 CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, a California
municipal corporation and charter city; AARON
14 C. HARP, an individual, in his official capacity
as City Attorney for the City of Newport Beach,

15 Plaintiffs,

16 vs.

17 NEWPORT BEACH STEWARDSHIP
ASSOCIATION, an unincorporated association;
18 MARSHALL "DUFFY" DUFFIELD, an
individual; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,
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20 Defendants.

Case No. 30-2026-01559183-CU-JR-NJC

Assigned for all Purposes to:
Hon. Julianne Bancroft
Department: N14

**NOTICE OF RULING ON PLAINTIFFS
CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH AND AARON
C. HARP'S *EX PARTE* APPLICATION TO
TEMPORARILY STAY OFFICIAL DUTIES
PENDING LITIGATION**

ROA No. 26

Date Filed: March 26, 2026

1 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 8, 2026, the Honorable Julianne Sartain Bancroft,
2 Judge Presiding, Department N14, considered and issued a Minute Order ruling on the Plaintiffs
3 City of Newport Beach and Aaron C. Harp's *ex parte* application to temporarily stay official
4 duties pending litigation.

5 PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Court scheduled a Status Conference for
6 April 13, 2026, at 11:00 am, in Department N14 of the Orange County Superior Court North
7 Justice Center, located at 1275 N. Berkeley Avenue, Fullerton, California 92838.

8 A true and correct copy of the Court's Minute Order is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

9 Dated: April 8, 2026

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16 municipal corporation

Exhibit A

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF ORANGE
NORTH JUSTICE CENTER**

MINUTE ORDER

DATE: 04/08/2026

TIME: 01:30:00 PM

DEPT: N14

JUDICIAL OFFICER PRESIDING: Julianne Bancroft

CLERK: C. Sanchez

REPORTER/ERM: None

BAILIFF/COURT ATTENDANT: B. Espinosa

CASE NO: **30-2026-01559183-CU-JR-NJC** CASE INIT.DATE: 03/26/2026

CASE TITLE: **City of Newport Beach vs. Newport Beach Stewardship Association**

CASE CATEGORY: Civil - Unlimited CASE TYPE: Judicial Review - Other

EVENT ID/DOCUMENT ID: 74818670

EVENT TYPE: Ex Parte

MOVING PARTY: Aaron C. Harp, City of Newport Beach

CAUSAL DOCUMENT/DATE FILED: Ex Parte Application - Other, 04/06/2026

APPEARANCES

No Appearance by all parties

PLAINTIFFS CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH AND AARON C. HARP'S EX PARTE APPLICATION TO TEMPORARILY STAY OFFICIAL DUTIES PENDING LITIGATION

There are no appearances by any party.

Ex Parte Application, Opposition, and Declaration in Support are read and considered.

The Ex Parte Application is **DENIED**.

Court finds moving party has failed to make an affirmative factual showing of irreparable harm, immediate danger, or any other statutory basis for granting relief ex parte.

The Court sets a Status Conference at 11:00 AM Monday, April 13th, to set a briefing schedule. Appearances may be remote.

Court orders Clerk to give notice.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE

North Justice Center
1275 N. Berkeley Ave
Fullerton , CA 92838

SHORT TITLE: City of Newport Beach vs. Newport Beach Stewardship Association

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/ELECTRONIC SERVICE

CASE NUMBER:
30-2026-01559183-CU-JR-NJC

I certify that I am not a party to this cause. I certify that that the following document(s), Minute Order dated 04/08/26, was transmitted electronically by an Orange County Superior Court email server on April 8, 2026, at 10:32:46 AM PDT. The business mailing address is Orange County Superior Court, 700 Civic Center Dr. W, Santa Ana, California 92701. Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1013b, I electronically served the document(s) on the persons identified at the email addresses listed below:

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1 **PROOF OF SERVICE**

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

4 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE**

5 I am employed by the law office of Rutan & Tucker, LLP in the County of Orange, State
6 of California. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. My business address is
7 18575 Jamboree Road, 9th Floor, Irvine, CA 92612. My electronic notification address is
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9 On April 8, 2026, I served on the interested parties in said action the within:

10 **NOTICE OF RULING ON PLAINTIFFS CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH**
11 **AND AARON C. HARP’S EX PARTE APPLICATION TO**
12 **TEMPORARILY STAY OFFICIAL DUTIES PENDING LITIGATION**

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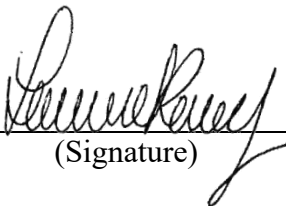
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23 (BY ELECTRONIC SERVICE) by transmitting a true copy of the foregoing document(s)
24 to the e-mail addresses set forth above via the First Legal filing and service portal.

25 Executed on April 8, 2026, at Mission Viejo, California.

26 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
27 foregoing is true and correct.

28 Lauren Ramey
(Type or print name)


(Signature)