



WEEKLY WATCHLIST

WEEK OF AUG 24TH & BEYOND



THIS WEEK IN NEWPORT BEACH:

AUG 25th:

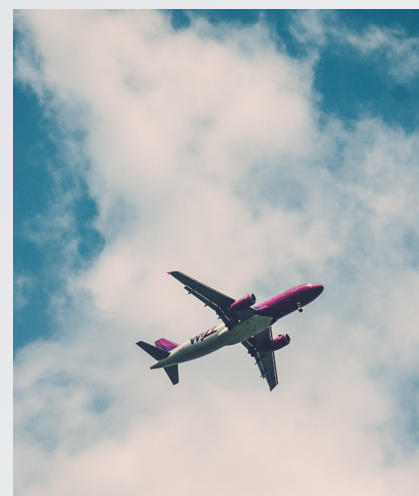
YOUR VOTE: 2026 OR 2028?

- Council decides when three initiatives go to voters.



MORE PASSENGERS AT JWA?

- 2027 airport allocations head to the County.



BALBOA BAY CLUB THROUGH 2076?

- A landmark waterfront partnership looks ahead.



132 MORE HOMES IN THE AIRPORT AREA

- 1300 Dove moves toward final approval.

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2026 OR 2028? COUNCIL TO SET BALLOT DATE FOR THREE INITIATIVES

AUG 25 | 4:00 PM | City Council

- The Superior Court ordered Council to process three citizen-sponsored Charter amendments concerning Government Transparency, Council Term Limits, and By-District Voting.
- More than 9,000 registered voters signed each petition. The court allowed the measures to be placed on the November 2026 ballot, but City staff is recommending that the Council instead schedule them for November 2028.



- The Council's decision could determine whether residents vote on these initiatives this November or **wait another two years**. The judge has required the City to explain its reasoning if it chooses a date other than November 3, 2026.

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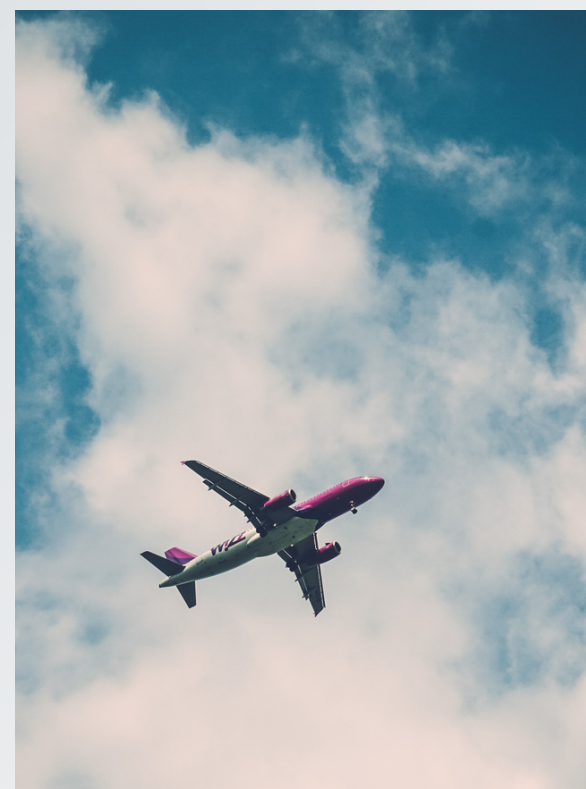
2027 AIRPORT GROWTH HEADS TO COUNTY SUPERVISORS

AUG 25 | 9:00 AM | Orange County Board of Supervisors

- County Supervisors will consider 2027 airline flight and seat allocations for John Wayne Airport, along with a five-year extension of the airport's voluntary Fly Friendly program for general aviation jets.

- The airline allocations come as JWA continues operating under an 11.8 million annual passenger limit, with the Settlement Agreement allowing a possible increase to as much as 12.5 million under specified noise conditions.

- For Newport Beach residents, future passenger levels and flight activity remain closely tied to aircraft noise and impacts on neighborhoods beneath the flight path.



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A LONG-TERM WATERFRONT PARTNERSHIP

AUG 25 | 1:00 PM | California State Lands Commission

- The Balboa Bay Club Resort and Terrace Apartments occupy public trust lands along Newport Harbor under a long-term lease administered by the City.
- The current lease runs through 2063. The State Lands Commission will consider a City-negotiated amendment that would extend the arrangement through 2076.
- The extension would provide long-term certainty for one of Newport Beach's best-known waterfront properties while continuing the City's stewardship responsibilities for public trust lands.
- One distinction: The Terrace Apartments are currently required to be removed by 2044 unless state law changes.



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1300 DOVE STREET RETURNS FOR FINAL APPROVAL

AUG 25 | 4:00 PM | City Council

- On the Council's consent calendar is final approval of the **rezoning and development agreement for the 132-unit townhome** project at 1300 Dove Street in the Airport Area.
- Because it is on the consent calendar, the item could be approved together with other routine business **without a separate staff presentation or Council discussion** unless a Council member pulls it for discussion.
- Another substantial housing project is moving toward final approval while the City is still developing its broader **Airport Area Specific Plan**, raising questions about how individual projects fit into the community's long-term vision.



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SPON WEEKLY WATCHLIST | Big Decisions Ahead

This week, several major decisions are moving forward in Newport Beach.

The key item to watch is the citizen initiatives. Will residents get to vote in 2026?

After a Superior Court ruling, the City Council must decide when voters will weigh in on three citizen initiatives: government transparency, lifetime term limits, and district voting.

More than 9,000 voters signed each petition. The court allowed the measures to move forward for November 2026, but City staff is recommending November 2028.

Whatever your position, residents deserve to know: Why wait two more years?

CALL TO ACTION

Make your voice heard. Attend, watch, ask questions, and speak during public comment.

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