



WEEKLY WATCHLIST

WEEK OF APRIL 6 & BEYOND

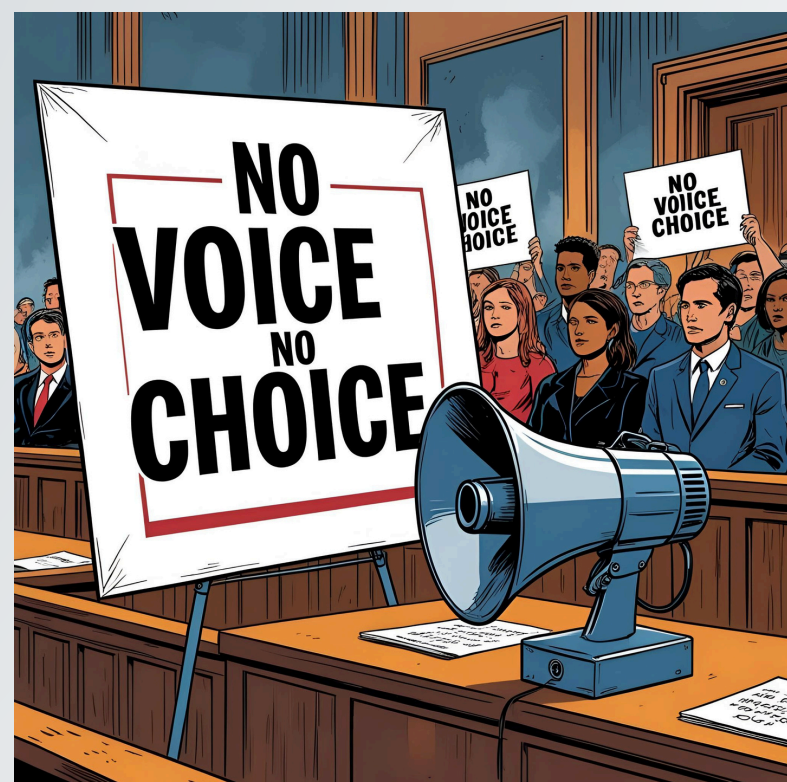


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Housing Element Lawsuit Hits an Appeals Deadline

April 7 - Deadline - California Court of Appeals

- The City's initial response is due in the appeal of Newport Beach Stewardship Association v. City of Newport Beach.
- The case challenges the City's Housing Element implementation, including 8,174 units added without a Greenlight vote.



Tree Policy Returns to PB&R

April 7 - 5:00 p.m. - Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission

- The Commission will review changes to tree-retention policy that were made by the City Council without its input.
- The new rules remove the public's right to appeal tree-removal decisions.

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Speak Up Newport Hosts E-Bike Discussion

April 8 - 6:00 p.m. - Civic Center Community Room

- Speak Up Newport will host a free presentation on e-bike issues.
- The event comes as e-bike safety and street use continue to be a growing local concern.

JWA Director Speaks in Corona del Mar

April 9 - 8:00 a.m. - Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club

- John Wayne Airport Director Charlene Reynolds will speak at a Corona del Mar Chamber event on airport concessions and general aviation improvements.

High-Stakes Hearing: Towers Appeal & Police HQ

April 14 - City Council

- Council will hear an appeal of the **270-foot towers** proposed for the Edwards Cinema site at 300 Newport Center Drive – a major opportunity for public input. Council will also consider a lease at **1201 Dove Street**, the proposed **Police Headquarters site**, which has sparked community debate.



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LOOKING AHEAD

Coastal Commission Takes Up Housing Overlay Changes

April 17 - Time TBD - California Coastal Commission

- The Commission will hear Newport Beach's request to update its Local Coastal Program so Housing Overlays can move forward in the coastal zone. This is a key step for housing in areas that still need coastal approval.
- Staff is recommending changes to protect visitor-serving uses and open space, which could limit where that housing can go.

General Plan Gets Final Commission Hearing

April 23 - Time TBD - Planning Commission

- The Commission is expected to hold its only public hearing on the new General Plan and make a recommendation to City Council that will guide growth, land use, and policy for years.



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Aviation Committee Reopens the Airport Conversation

April 27 - Time TBD - Aviation Committee.

- The City's recently reconstituted Aviation Committee is expected to hold its third meeting.
- The committee implements the City's airport policy and is a key forum for airport-related resident concerns.



Council Set to Override Airport Land Commission

April 28 - Time TBD - City Council

- The Council is expected to hold its only study session on the proposed General Plan.
- It will also issue its Notice of Intent to override the Airport Land Use Commission's finding that the plan is inconsistent with airport compatibility planning.
- The agenda may also include the 270-foot tower appeal, cell tower rules, and Police Department headquarters committee changes.

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Here's what to watch in Newport Beach this week

From a housing lawsuit deadline to tree policy changes, harbor updates, and major City Council hearings ahead—there's a lot happening that could shape the future of the city.

And looking ahead: April 14 is a key chance for the public to prepare and speak up. City Council will hear an appeal of the proposed 270-foot towers at the former Edwards Cinema site.

SPON'S ANNUAL MEETING

We hope you'll join us for SPON's Annual Meeting on May 30 at Oasis Senior Center. We'll be discussing what these decisions mean for Newport Beach.

SAVE THE DATE:

May 30, 2026

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Oasis Senior Center, 801 Narcissus Ave, Corona del Mar

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