

POLICE PROTECTION

For your convenience, we have provided space below for your answers. If you choose to answer these questions in the form of a letter, please number your responses to correspond to the questions. We would very much appreciate a response by **Friday, June 12, 2009**. Please return the completed questionnaire to Jaime Murillo in the Planning Department at JMurillo@city.newport-beach.ca.us.

1. Please verify or provide the information to complete the table below.

| | Existing City Hall Site | Proposed City Hall Site |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Approximate distance from police station to site (miles) | 4.05 | 2.08 |
| Current response time to site (minutes) | 8 | 3 |
| After project implementation, approximate response time to site (minutes) | 8 | 3 |

2. Please evaluate the following statement for accuracy. If any of the information contained in the text below is incorrect or should be updated, please indicate the needed revisions below.

The Newport Beach Police Department (NBPD) provides police service to the proposed project site. The police department is located at 870 Santa Barbara Drive and provides services in crime prevention and investigation, community awareness programs, and other services, such as traffic control. The NBPD employs a total of 285 personnel, including 1 chief, 3 captains, 8 lieutenants, 22 sergeants, 115 sworn officers, 92 civilian personnel, and 44 seasonal and part-time personnel. The NBPD is divided into three divisions, including support services, patrol/traffic, and detectives.

NBPD currently has authorization for 149 sworn officers. With a population of 85,120 residents, the ratio of officers per 1,000 residents is currently 1.7 officers per 1,000 residents (City of Newport Beach General Plan Update EIR 2006). On average, 3,300 emergency calls are received per month, with an average response time of 4 minutes / 41 seconds in 2008. Averages of 74,000 calls per year are dispatched. In 2005, the average police response time to emergency calls was just under 4 minutes, while the average response time for nonemergency calls was 7 minutes (General Plan EIR 2006).

Are the current average response time to emergency and nonemergency calls unchanged from 2005 (e.g., response times to emergency calls are under 4 minutes and response times to non-emergency calls are 7 minutes)? What are the Police Department’s goals in terms of response times and personnel levels? Are the estimated response times provided above consistent with these goals?

Response times to emergency calls in 2008 were very similar to the 2005 statistics (noted in question 2 above). However, the response times for non-emergency calls in 2008 were vastly

different from the 2005 totals. Our research indicates the average response time to priority 2 non-emergency calls in 2008 was 16 minutes / 21 seconds. As a comparative, the average response time to priority 2 calls in 2003 was 16 minutes / 35 seconds. We are unsure where the 7 minute non-emergency response times from 2005 came from. Our computer staff personnel did conduct similar research in 2001, 2002 and 2003, but they have no record of doing it in 2005, so they are unsure where the 2005 figures came from.

The Department's goal would be to maintain these response times, while maintaining our current staffing levels.

- 3. Is there currently a need to increase personnel levels or expand Police Department facilities in the City of Newport Beach? Are there any plans for expansion of Police Department facilities, services, or staff, or to construct a new facility? Please explain.**

There are no current plans to increase staffing levels or to expand the Police Department.

- 4. Because the proposed project includes the relocation of existing City Hall uses and reuse of the existing City Hall structures, it is anticipated that the proposed project would result in a net increase of 295 employees within the City. No residential units are proposed as part of the project. Would the project substantially increase responses times or create a substantial increase in demand for staff, facilities, equipment, or police or emergency services (e.g., as a result of increased call volume)?**

We do not believe the relocation of City Hall to Fashion Island would substantially increase response times or create a substantial increase in demand for staff, facilities, equipment, or police or emergency services. In fact, with the relocation of City Hall in closer proximity to the Police Department, response times to City Hall will likely increase over responses to the current location on the Newport Peninsula.

- 5. Based on the proposed project description, will the Police Department be able to adequately serve the proposed project? If not, can you recommend any measures for mitigating project impacts that might be incorporated into the project?**

The Police Department believes it will be able to adequately serve the proposed project.

- 6. Please provide any additional comments or questions you would like to see addressed in the environmental analysis for this project.**

None.

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