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Candidate's Statement of Qualifications

CITY OF: Newport Beach

OFFICE SOUGHT: City Council

WARD/DISTRICT # 4 (If applicable)

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NAME: Tina Babayanian

AGE: 41
(Optional)

OCCUPATION: Business owner

When City Hall stops listening, you can keep complaining or put your name on the ballot. So here I am.

I earned a master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology and spent 15 years as a clinician, helping people find their voice. That work taught me that being heard is a two-way street and too many Newport residents no longer feel heard by City Hall.

I never expected to own a restaurant, either. I entered the industry without a roadmap and learned to build a business, lead a team, and solve problems in real time.

Then came Spring Break and the Fourth of July and the toll they took on our neighborhoods and sense of safety. Once again, I faced a choice: stay on the sidelines or become part of the solution.

Leaders make hard choices, accept responsibility, and remain present when things get uncomfortable. That's what I'll bring to the Newport Beach City Council.

I'll protect public safety, preserve our quality of life, and ensure City Hall listens to the people it serves.

I'm ready to listen, lead, and work for you. Let's get to work, Newport!

INSTRUCTIONS: (Elections Code § 13307)

1. Signed and dated statement must be filed in the Registrar of Voters office at the time final nomination documents are filed. A copy will be given to the candidate.
2. This statement is printed at candidate's expense and should reflect the candidate's qualifications.

Date July 24, 2026

Candidate's Signature

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