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## MEDIA ADVISORY – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 2021 Mayor's Dinner Postponed

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the annual Mayor's Dinner scheduled for February 5, 2021, has been postponed. It will be rescheduled later in 2021.

Speak Up Newport President Ed Selich announced today, with regret, that the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Mayor's Dinner scheduled for February 5, 2021, has been postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions and will be rescheduled for later in the year.

This annual event features the incoming Mayor's State of the City Address and goals for the coming year. It is highly anticipated and well-attended by local political, business, and resident leaders. It is sold out every year with about 450 attendees.

"The Mayor's Dinner is a special evening," Speak Up Board member Debra Allen said, "when City officials, the business community and residents come together to celebrate the new Mayor, all the past Mayors and to raise money for the Speak Up Newport scholarship fund."

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Speak Up Newport has not been able to hold its monthly programs at the Civic Center and has been doing them via Zoom webinars. In order to keep with the tradition of a February State of the City address, Mayor Avery will deliver his remarks via a Zoom webinar on Wednesday, February 10, at 4:00 p.m., the regularly scheduled Speak Up Newport Zoom program date.

Regarding rescheduling the event, Selich said, "It is disappointing that we will not be able to hold the dinner as scheduled to welcome our new Mayor, Brad Avery, as well as recognize the past Mayors, but we will do our best to make up for it with a great summer event."

Please watch for future announcements on the State of the City Address as well as details about the rescheduled Mayor's Dinner at <u>http://www.SpeakUpNewport.com/mayors-dinner</u>

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**About Speak Up Newport:** Speak Up Newport (SUN) is a non-profit, non-partisan citizens group organized to promote the common good and general welfare of the Newport Beach community. Founded in 1979, it meets monthly, presenting a public forum to hear topics of interest to the local community. It produces the Mayor's Dinner each February, featuring the Mayor's annual State of the City address.