

NEWPORT CORP
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**United States
Securities and Exchange Commission
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A
(Rule 14a-101)**

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SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

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(Name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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The following materials are available for view:

Notice and Proxy Statement / Annual Report on Form 10-K

To view this material, have the 12-digit Control #(s) available and visit: www.proxyvote.com

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of the above listed documents you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. To facilitate timely delivery please make the request as instructed below on or before 5/6/08.

To request material: **Internet:** www.proxyvote.com **Telephone:** 1-800-579-1639 ****Email:** sendmaterial@proxyvote.com

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Vote In Person

Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the Meeting you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

Vote By Internet

To vote *n o w* by Internet, go to WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM.

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your notice in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions.

Meeting Location

The Annual Meeting for holders as of 3/31/08
is to be held on 5/20/08 at 9:00 a.m. PT

at: Newport Corporation
Corporate Headquarters
1791 Deere Avenue
Irvine, CA 92606

Directions to Newport Corporation's corporate headquarters can be obtained by calling (949) 863-3144.

Voting items

1. ELECTION OF TWO CLASS IV DIRECTORS TO SERVE FOR FOUR YEARS

Nominees:

01) Robert L. Guyett

02) Robert J. Phillippy

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** all director nominees.

2. RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS NEWPORT S INDEPENDENT AUDITORS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JANUARY 3, 2009

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** proposal 2.

3. CONSIDERATION OF STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL TO DECLASSIFY NEWPORT S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **AGAINST** proposal 3.

4. OTHER BUSINESS: In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.