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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CURRIER ROAD UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Find that this project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.
2. Finding no protests, adopt the enclosed Resolution establishing the Currier Road Underground Utility District and adopt the enclosed Ordinance amending Division 2 of Title 16 of the Los Angeles County Code, Undergrounding of Utilities Ordinance, by adding Section 16.34.121, or
3. Overrule all protests and adopt the enclosed Resolution establishing the Currier Road Underground Utility District and adopt the enclosed Ordinance amending Division 2 of Title 16 of the Los Angeles County Code, Undergrounding of Utilities Ordinance, by adding Section 16.34.121, or

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4. Adopt the enclosed Resolution, with modifications, establishing the Currier Road Underground Utility District and adopt the enclosed Ordinance amending Division 2 of Title 16 of the Los Angeles County Code, Undergrounding of Utilities Ordinance, by adding Section 16.34.121, or
5. Adopt an order abandoning the Underground Utility District proceedings in the event your Board finds in favor of the protestants.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The City of Industry has established an underground utility district along Currier Road between Lemon Avenue and Brea Canyon Road, and along Brea Canyon Road between Spanish Lane and the City's southerly boundary. The northwest corner area of Currier Road and Brea Canyon Road is within the unincorporated area. The City has requested that the County adopt a Resolution declaring this location an underground utility district.

The proposed district would provide for the undergrounding of existing overhead electrical and communication facilities and would require future facilities of this type to be placed underground.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Undergrounding of Utilities Ordinance, Division 2 of Title 16 of the Los Angeles County Code, we have consulted with the affected utility companies and determined that the undergrounding of existing overhead electrical and communication facilities will eliminate the present concentration and avoid the future concentration of overhead electric and communication facilities and that both Currier Road and Brea Canyon Road, in the area described below, are extensively used by the general public and carry a heavy volume of traffic.

The proposed underground utility district, to be known as the Currier Road Underground Utility District, extends for a distance of 1,574 feet and is described as follows:

That portion of the unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles within a strip of land 90 feet wide lying 30 feet south of and 60 feet north of and parallel to the centerline of Currier Road beginning at a point 438 feet east of the intersection of the centerlines of Currier Road and Reyes Drive, thence easterly approximately 1,107 feet along the centerline of Currier Road and its prolongation to the boundary line between the City of Industry and the County of Los Angeles; and that portion of the unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles within a strip of land from the boundary line between the City of Industry and the County of Los Angeles to

30 feet west of the County of Los Angeles westerly right-of-way line parallel to the centerline of Brea Canyon Road from a point 60 feet north of the centerline intersection of Brea Canyon Road and Currier Road to a point 497 feet north of the centerline intersection of Brea Canyon Road and Currier Road.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Formation of this underground utility district is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since it will improve the appearance of the area and enhance safety through the undergrounding of pole-mounted electrical and communication facilities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Our personnel have met with the City of Industry. The City agreed to fund the undergrounding of existing overhead lines and the costs of converting adjacent businesses and residences from overhead to underground feeds.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Government Code Section 26230 contemplates that counties have the power and authority to implement underground utility Ordinances such as the proposed Ordinance.

In addition, on the basis of the Public Utility Commission's decision in Case No. 8209 on September 19, 1967, each electrical utility company under the jurisdiction of the PUC now sets aside a percentage of its revenues to be used for the purpose of placing underground its existing overhead wires and other facilities each year.

In its ruling, the PUC prescribes that the governing body of the county in which funds are set aside by the utility for undergrounding of overhead wires and other facilities must determine, after holding public hearings on the subject, that such undergrounding is in the general public interest for one or more of the following reasons:

- Such undergrounding will avoid or eliminate an unusually heavy concentration of overhead distribution facilities.

--Said street, road, or right of way is extensively used by the general public and carries a heavy volume of pedestrian and/or vehicular traffic.

--Said street, road, or right of way adjoins or passes through a civic area, public recreation area, or an area of unusual scenic interest to the general public.

In addition, the Ordinance creating an underground district in the area in which both the existing and new facilities are and will be located, must require:

--That all existing overhead connection and electrical distribution facilities shall be removed.

--That each property owner served from such overhead distribution facilities shall provide all changes on his/her premises necessary to receive service from the underground facilities as soon as it is available.

--Must authorize the utility to discontinue its overhead service.

Last, the length of the undergrounding has to exceed the PUC's minimum distance of one block or 600 feet, whichever is the lesser.

Pursuant to Section 16.32.060 of Division 2 of Title 16 of the Los Angeles County Code, a public hearing shall be held for the proposed underground utility district. Notice of the public hearing will be publicized in a newspaper of general circulation.

If after the public hearing your Board finds that, based on one or more of the reasons specified in Section 16.32.060, it is in the general public interest to declare the area along Currier Road and Brea Canyon Road within the above-described limits to be an underground utility district, you may adopt the enclosed Resolution, approved as to form by County Counsel, declaring and establishing the Currier Road Underground Utility District and amending Division 2 of Title 16 of the Los Angeles County Code, Undergrounding of Utilities Ordinance, by adding Section 16.34.121 to said Ordinance. The proposed amendment to said Ordinance, approved as to form by County Counsel, with an analysis thereof is enclosed.

Pursuant to Sections 16.32.070 and 16.32.080 of Division 2 of Title 16 of the Los Angeles County Code, a written notice will be sent to the affected utility companies, property owners, and business owners within the proposed underground utility district advising them of their responsibility in regard to the undergrounding of the overhead facilities.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (x)(21), of the revised Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

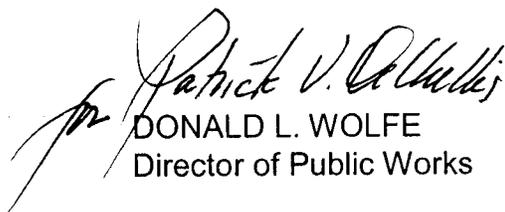
**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Improved appearance of the area and more reliable utility services will be provided to adjacent property owners due to the undergrounding.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return two copies of the adopted Ordinance and two adopted copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

  
DONALD L. WOLFE  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CURRIER ROAD UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT PURSUANT TO DIVISION 2, TITLE 16, LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provision of Section 16.32.060, Division 2 of Title 16 of the Los Angeles County Code, consultations have been held with Southern California Edison Company, Time Warner Communications, and Verizon regarding utilities affected by the proposed establishment of an underground utility district along Currier Road and Brea Canyon Road within the unincorporated territory of the County of Los Angeles and,

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing upon the matter of the formation of said underground utility district has been duly noticed and held on \_\_\_\_\_; and,

WHEREAS, this was the time and place for said Hearing, and the Board having heard and received all evidence presented, and being fully advised in the premises;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Currier Road and Brea Canyon Road, within the boundaries of said district, have an unusually heavy concentration of electrical facilities, are extensively used by the general public, and carry a heavy volume of vehicular traffic.
2. Within said district, existing overhead electrical and communication facilities shall be removed and replaced with underground electrical and communication facilities and any future or new electrical and communication facilities located within said district shall be underground facilities.
3. Undergrounding of existing overhead electrical and communication facilities within the said district will eliminate present and future concentrations of overhead electrical and communication facilities.
4. That it is in the general public interest that an underground utility district to be known as the "Currier Road Underground Utility District" be established within the hereinafter described area.
5. The boundaries of the Currier Road Underground Utility District are described as follows:

That portion of the unincorporated area of the County of Los Angeles within a strip of land 90 feet wide, lying 30 feet south of and 60 feet north of and parallel to the centerline of Currier Road, beginning at a point 438 feet east of the intersection of the centerlines of Currier Road and Reyes Drive, thence easterly approximately 1,107 feet along the centerline of Currier Road and its prolongation to the boundary line between the City of Industry and the County of Los Angeles; and that portion of the unincorporated area of the County of

Los Angeles within a strip of land from the boundary line between the City of Industry and the County of Los Angeles to 30 feet west of the County of Los Angeles westerly right-of-way line parallel to the centerline of Brea Canyon Road from a point 60 feet north of the centerline intersection of Brea Canyon Road and Currier Road to a point 497 feet north of the centerline intersection of Brea Canyon Road and Currier Road.

The foregoing resolution was on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Raymond G. Fortner  
County Counsel

By   
Deputy

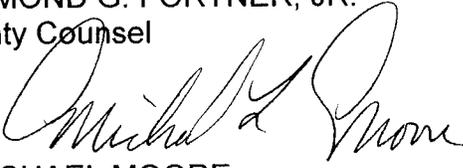
## ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 16 - Highways of the Los Angeles County Code, "Undergrounding of Utilities," to create the Currier Road Underground Utility District, which adds an additional area to those previously designated as underground utility districts.

The creation of the Currier Road Underground Utility District provides that overhead electrical and communication facilities within the district will be removed and replaced with underground electrical and communication facilities and future electrical and communication facilities within the district will be underground facilities.

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.  
County Counsel

By

  
MICHAEL MOORE  
Deputy County Counsel  
Public Works Division

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12/22/05 (requested)

12/22/05 (revised)

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An ordinance amending Title 16 - Highways of the Los Angeles County Code, relating to the Currier Road Underground Utility District.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 16.34.121 is hereby added to Chapter 16.34 to read as follows:

**16.34.121 Currier Road Underground Utility District.**

The following area shall constitute and be known as the Currier Road Underground Utility District:

That portion of the unincorporated area of the county of Los Angeles within a strip of land 90 feet wide lying 30 feet south of and 60 feet north of and parallel to the centerline of Currier Road, beginning at a point 438 feet east of the intersection of the centerlines of Currier Road and Reyes Drive, thence easterly approximately 1,107 feet along the centerline of Currier Road and its prolongation to the boundary line between the city of Industry and the county of Los Angeles; and that portion of the unincorporated area of the county of Los Angeles within a strip of land from the boundary line between the city of Industry and the county of Los Angeles to 30 feet west of the county of Los Angeles westerly right-of-way line parallel to the centerline of Brea Canyon Road from a point 60 feet north of the centerline intersection of Brea Canyon Road and Currier Road to a point 497 feet north of the centerline intersection of Brea Canyon Road and Currier Road.

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