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March 19, 2024

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

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

50 March 19, 2024

  
JEFF LEVINSON  
INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA  
COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICTS  
ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS – FISCAL YEAR 2024-25  
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval to authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare and file an annual Engineer's Report to renew the annual street lighting assessments for all zones within County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1 for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the action set forth in this Board letter is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Designate the Director of Public Works or his designee, as the Engineer, under Section 22523 of Article 2, Chapter 1, Part 2, Division 15, of the California Streets and Highways Code (commencing with Section 22520).
3. Adopt the Resolution Ordering the Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25 pursuant to the California Streets and Highways Code Section 22622, which orders the Director or his designee, as the Engineer, to prepare and file the required annual Engineer's Report in accordance with Section 22565 et seq. of the California Streets and Highways Code and Section 4(b) of Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

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

The purpose of the recommended actions is to order the Director to prepare and file the required annual Engineer's Report to renew the annual street lighting assessments for all zones within the County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1 (Enclosure A) through adoption of a resolution. This is an assessment district that collects benefit assessments to supplement the general property tax levy to fund the operation and maintenance of the streetlights in specified unincorporated County areas and 13 cities (map enclosed). This action only initiates the Engineer's Report and does not establish any assessment rates. However, this first step is necessary before the rates can be established and assessments levied. If this action does not occur, the district will not be able to collect its annual assessments. Renewing the annual levy of assessments is important because it will provide the supplemental funding necessary to ensure continuation of street lighting services for the convenience and safety of the motoring public, as well as the safety and security of people and property, thus benefitting all users of the roadways with streetlights in the assessment district area.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy II.2, Support the Wellness of our Communities; and Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Sufficient funds are included in Fiscal Year 2023-24 County Lighting Maintenance Districts' Budget for preparation of the annual Engineer's Report.

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

On July 24, 1979, the Board approved the formation of the assessment district to provide supplemental funds for the operation of streetlights in the existing County Lighting Maintenance Districts, pursuant to provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2, Division 15, of the California Streets and Highways Code. Each subsequent year, the Board has renewed annual street lighting assessments for all zones within the assessment district for supplemental funds. The recommended actions are the initial step to authorize the assessments for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

The Landscaping and Lighting Act and the California Constitution (Article XIII D) set forth procedures that must be followed for any fiscal year during which an assessment is to be levied. The Landscaping and Lighting Act requires that the legislative body adopt a resolution generally describing any proposed improvements or substantial changes in existing improvements. The Board must also order an Engineer, designated pursuant to Section 22523 of the California Streets and Highways Code, to prepare and file the Engineer's Report in accordance with Section 22565 et seq. of Article 4, Chapter 1, of the California Streets and Highways Code and Section 4(b) of Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

Following this, Public Works will submit for the Board's consideration the Engineer's Report and resolution that are required to establish the assessments for Fiscal Year 2024-25 and to request the Board to set a date for a public hearing and to consider the adoption of a resolution ordering the levy of assessments. The assessment rates shall be supported by the Engineer's Report. If any future

increase in assessment rates is needed, Public Works will comply with all legal requirements under Article XIII D of the California Constitution (Proposition 218).

The resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The recommended action to authorize the Director to prepare and file the required annual Engineer's Report to renew the annual street lighting assessments is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. The proposed action is an administrative activity of government, which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

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

Preparing the Engineer's Report is consistent with the current services regularly conducted by Public Works.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and a copy of the signed resolution to Public Works, Traffic Safety and Mobility Division. Also, please forward one adopted copy of the letter and resolution to the Assessor, Ownership Services Section, and one to the Auditor-Controller, Tax Division.

Respectfully submitted,



MARK PESTRELLA, PE

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Assessor (Sonia Carter Baltazar)  
Auditor-Controller (Linda Santillano)

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RESOLUTION ORDERING ENGINEER'S REPORT  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25  
CALIFORNIA STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE SECTION 22622**

WHEREAS, on July 24, 1979, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles approved the formation of County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1 (Lighting District) to provide supplemental funds for the operation of streetlights in County Lighting Maintenance Districts pursuant to provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 (Act), Part 2, Division 15, of the California Streets and Highways Code; and

WHEREAS, under the California Streets and Highways Code Section 22622 of the Act, the Board must adopt a resolution generally describing any proposed improvements or substantial changes in existing improvements within the Lighting District, and order the Director of Public Works or his designee, as the Engineer, to prepare and file a report in accordance with Section 22565 et seq. of the California Streets and Highways Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 4(b) of Article XIII D of the California Constitution requires assessments to be supported by a detailed Engineer's Report prepared by a registered professional engineer certified by the State of California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, that:

SECTION 1. The Lighting District will include the following improvements:

- a. Additional street lights installed within the existing County Lighting Maintenance Districts and assessment zones in compliance with procedures set forth in the California Streets and Highways Code.
- b. New street lighting systems installed in response to property owner petitions filed and processed in compliance with procedures set forth in the California Streets and Highways Code.
- c. New street lighting systems installed in new land developments pursuant to the requirements of Titles 21 and 22, Los Angeles County Code, the Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances, and processed in compliance with procedures set forth in the California Streets and Highways Code.
- d. Repair or replacement of obsolete street lighting equipment within County Lighting Maintenance Districts and assessment zones.

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The foregoing Resolution Ordering Engineer's Report was adopted on the 19th day of March, 2024, 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.



JEFF LEVINSON  
Interim Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

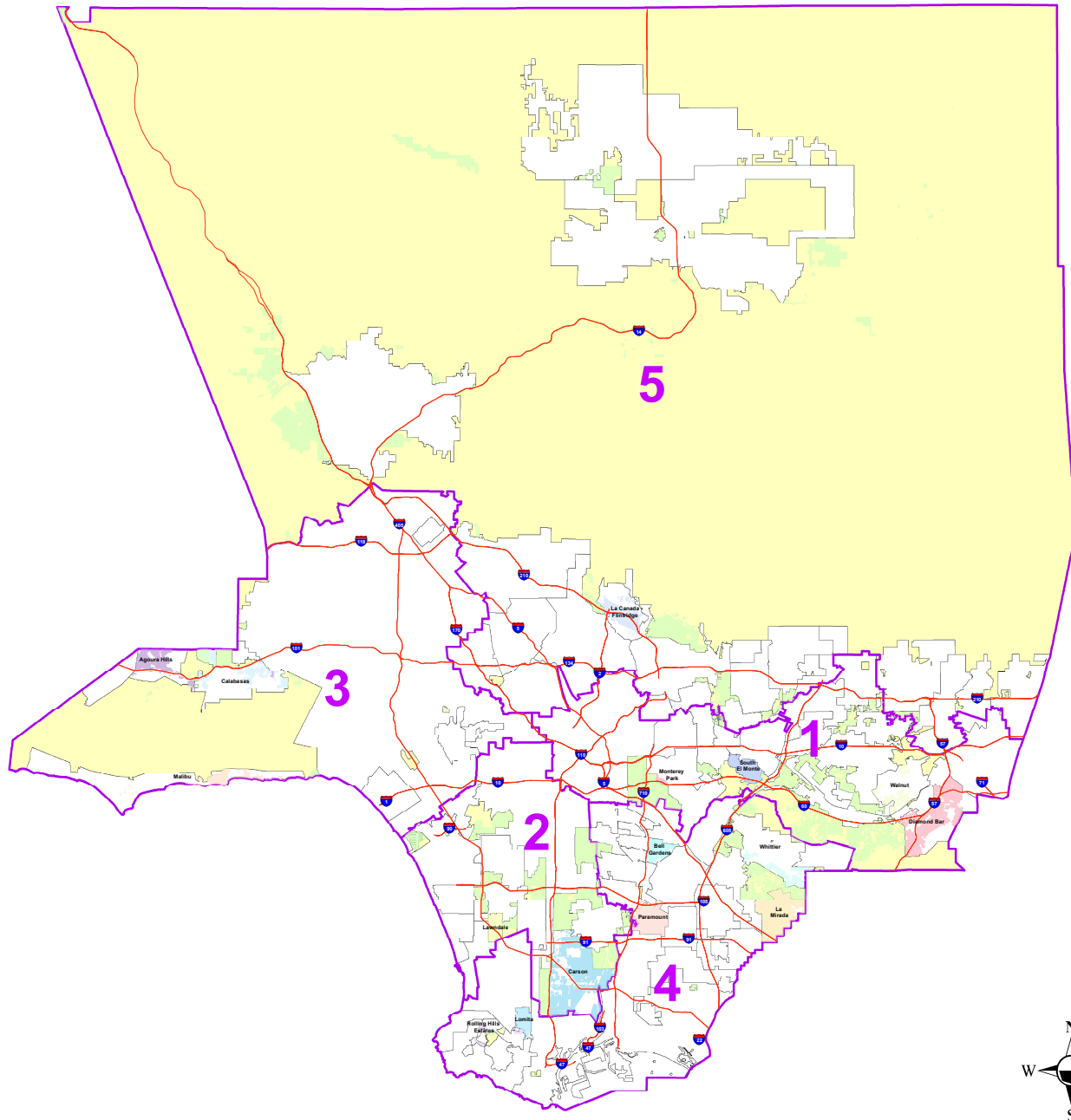
By  Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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County Counsel

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Senior Deputy County Counsel

# County Lighting Districts



## Legend

### Zones

- Unincorporated County Area
- City of Agoura Hills
- City of Bell Gardens
- City of Calabasas

- City of Diamond Bar
- City of La Canana Flintridge
- City of La Mirada
- City of Lawndale

- City of Lomita
- City of Malibu
- City of Monterey Park
- City of Paramount
- City of Rolling Hills Estates

- City of South El Monte
- City of Walnut
- City of Whittier
- SUP District Boundary

- City Boundary
- Unincorporated Areas