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May 14, 2024, Agenda, Item __ Public Hearing for the County Lighting Districts Levying of Annual Assessments - Fiscal Year 2024-25

My name is Mark Pestrella, and I am the Director of the Los Angeles County Public Works.

This item is requesting approval to renew the annual levy of street lighting assessments for 14 Zones within County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1 for Fiscal Year 2024-25 at the same rate as Fiscal Year 2023-24. The 14 Zones include the unincorporated area and 13 cities (Agoura Hills, Bell Gardens, Calabasas, Carson, Diamond Bar, La Cañada-Flintridge, La Mirada, Lawndale, Lomita, Paramount, Malibu, Rolling Hills Estates, and Walnut).

County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1 was formed on July 24, 1979, to provide supplemental funding for the continued operation of street lighting systems in the existing County Lighting Maintenance Districts. The annual assessments provide necessary funding to meet the budgetary needs of the County Lighting Districts, including administration, operation and maintenance, installation of additional streetlights, and the repair and replacement of obsolete equipment with new, modern equipment necessary for the proper operation of street lighting facilities. The amount of assessment revenue to be collected in all Zones in Fiscal Year 2024-25 is estimated to be \$ 3.13 million.

The Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 sets forth procedures that must be followed in order to continue annual assessments imposed in a prior fiscal year. These procedures include preparation of an Engineer's Report that outlines the proposed costs of providing lighting services and recommendations for annual assessment rates for each Zone for the upcoming fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, and the adoption of a Resolution of Intention to order the levy of assessments in Fiscal Year 2024-25 and set a date for the public hearing to receive public testimony. On May 7, 2024, your Board approved the annual Engineer's Report and adopted the Resolution of Intention. The street lighting assessments will be collected via the consolidated tax bill.

Pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, notice of this public hearing was given by the publishing of the Resolution of Intention one time in a newspaper of general circulation at least 10-days prior to the date of hearing.

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I am familiar with the proceedings for the levy of annual assessments for Fiscal Year 2024-25 for the 14 Zones within County Lighting District Landscaping and Lighting Act-1, and I have concluded that these Zones will continue to be benefitted by the services to be provided, and the assessments continue to be imposed in proportion to the special benefits provided to the affected properties.

Pursuant to Proposition 218 and Government Code 53753.5, since no increase in assessments is proposed, this annual reauthorization is not subject to the notice and ballot requirements of Proposition 218.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on May 2, 2024.



MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works