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### Department Statement in Lieu of Live Testimony

#### **July 16, 2024, Agenda, Item 2 Public Hearing for the Landscaping and Lighting Act Districts 1, 2, and 4 Annual Assessment Procedure — 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 of the annual levy of assessments in Landscaping and Lighting Act Districts 1, 2, and 4 for Fiscal Year 2024-25 in order to continue to collect landscape maintenance annual assessments for the next fiscal year.

The Landscaping Maintenance Districts were created to finance the ongoing operation and maintenance of landscaping and related infrastructure. The three districts consist of over 23,600 parcels of land within 26 zones, 4 in the First Supervisorial District, 1 in the Third Supervisorial District, and 21 in the Fifth Supervisorial District. The properties within each district and zone are subject to assessments that were imposed in previous fiscal years. The annual revenue collected from assessments imposed on properties within these zones is estimated to be \$6.7 million. There is no current supplemental revenue for this service.

The Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 sets forth procedures that must be followed to continue an annual assessment imposed in a prior fiscal year. These procedures include, among other things, the preparation of an Engineer's Report that outlines the proposed costs of providing landscape maintenance services for the upcoming fiscal year, the assessments that are imposed in each district and zone, and publication of a notice of public hearing.

I am familiar with the proceedings for the levy of annual assessments for Fiscal Year 2024-25 for the zones within the Landscaping and Lighting Act Districts 1, 2, and 4. I have concluded that these zones will continue to benefit from 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 Section 53753.5 since no increase in assessments is proposed, this annual reauthorization is not subject to the notice and ballot requirements of Proposition 218.

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

Executed on July 11, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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MARK PESTRELLA, PE  
Director of Public Works