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### Department Statement in Lieu of Live Testimony

**April 29, 2025, Agenda, Item 1**

**Public Hearing for the Landscaping and Lighting Act District 2, Zone 21 (Sunset Pointe)**

**Assessment Rate Increase – Fiscal Year 2025-26**

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

This item is requesting approval for an increase to the existing landscape maintenance assessment for Landscaping and Lighting Act District 2, Zone 21 (Sunset Pointe) for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

Landscaping and Lighting Act District 2, Zone 21 (Sunset Pointe) was created to finance the ongoing operation and maintenance of landscaping and related infrastructure within the respective zone's boundaries. The Zone consists of 269 parcels within the unincorporated community of Stevenson Ranch in Supervisorial District 5. The properties within the Zone are subject to assessments that are imposed annually. The annual assessments for this zone are no longer sufficient to provide the same level of maintenance as what has been provided previously. Therefore, an assessment fee increase has been proposed. There is no current supplemental revenue for this maintenance service.

The Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 and Proposition 218 set forth procedures that must be followed to increase an existing annual assessment. 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 the Zone, and publication of a notice of public hearing.

I am familiar with the proceedings for an increase of existing assessments for Fiscal Year 2025-26 for the Zone within the Landscaping and Lighting Act District 2.

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Pursuant to Proposition 218 and Government Code, Section 53753.5, this increase is 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 April 9, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Pestrella", written over a horizontal line.

MARK PESTRELLA, PE  
Director of Public Works