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July 22, 2025, Agenda, Item 3

**Public Hearing for the Landscaping and Lighting Act Districts 1, 2, and 4
Annual Assessment Procedure – 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 of the annual levy of assessments in County Landscaping and Lighting Act Districts 1, 2, and 4 and zones therein for Fiscal Year 2025-26 in order to continue to collect landscape maintenance annual assessments for the next fiscal year.

The County Landscaping and Lighting Act 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 a public hearing.

I am familiar with the proceedings for the levy of annual assessments for Fiscal Year 2025-26 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.

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Pursuant to Proposition 218 and California 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.

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

Executed on July 7 , 2025.

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

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works