

Communication from Public

Name: Alexander Yotsov

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Comments for Public Posting: -The City of LA is placing the burden on Landlords for the repair of the street lights that were damaged by the homeless and criminals. -Rather than enforce laws and remove these people off the streets their "go to" is to just tax the hard working tax paying individuals. -We are already facing the highest maintenance, insurance and trash costs we have ever seen. This will add to the burden and may cause us to sell to large corporations that can spread the cost over their portfolio. Large corporations don't care about the community and suck every dollar out of these properties until the city is left with a blighted property -ENFORCE THE LAWS! PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT CITY!

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Name: Reem Hammad
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear council, I am a property owner in the City of LA and I am vehemently opposed to the proposed new streetlight property tax assessment as it will place yet another financial burden on my already taxed property. With Rent control in place and increased prices on property maintenance and this proposed added permanent tax for street lights will put great pressure on us mom and pop property owners rendering our rental property unaffordable. -The City must prioritize catching and prosecuting copper thieves and vandals responsible for damaging public infrastructure instead of shifting the financial burden onto property owners. -Streetlights are a core government responsibility and benefit the entire public, not just adjacent property owners. -Property owners already pay substantial property taxes and deserve transparency regarding how existing tax revenues are being spent. -The City's classification of street lighting as a "special benefit" rather than a general public benefit is flawed and contrary to common sense. -Many Mom-and-Pop housing providers cannot absorb additional taxes and assessments, especially one designed to increase annually over time. -Rising operating costs continue to place enormous pressure on housing providers and threaten long-term housing affordability. -Additional taxes and assessments may force smaller owners to sell properties to large corporate developers, accelerating redevelopment and higher rents. -The City should first improve maintenance oversight, secure utility access points, strengthen anti-theft protections, and explore more cost-effective repair solutions before imposing new taxes. Affordable alternatives such as solar-powered lighting upgrades and private contracting options should be explored prior to creating a permanent assessment district. Residents should not be pressured into approving new taxes simply to maintain basic public safety services that are fundamental responsibilities of city government. This proposal sets a dangerous precedent by shifting traditional public infrastructure costs onto a limited group of taxpayers instead of funding them broadly and fairly. Los Angeles is already facing a severe housing affordability crisis. Adding another property tax assessment will only increase financial pressure on housing providers and ultimately harm renters and working families as well.