

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is NiK Kacy, and I am a Los Angeles homeowner and taxpayer. I support investing in streetlights, infrastructure, and the preventative public safety measures that help keep neighborhoods safe. What I oppose is asking homeowners to take on an additional permanent annual assessment with automatic cost-of-living increases to pay for infrastructure that many residents reasonably believed our taxes were already intended to maintain. Streetlights are not optional amenities. They are basic city infrastructure and a core public safety responsibility. At the same time, Los Angeles continues to allocate enormous portions of its budget toward reactionary systems while residents experience deteriorating infrastructure, delayed repairs, unsafe streets, and declining trust in the City's priorities. The LAPD remains one of the largest line items in the City budget, while the City also spends substantial public funds responding to crises, lawsuits, liability payouts, and the consequences of deferred action. Perhaps part of the reason public safety costs continue to rise is because we continue prioritizing reaction over prevention. Well-lit streets, maintained infrastructure, stable neighborhoods, and accessible community resources all contribute to public safety before harm occurs. These investments help reduce crime, improve quality of life, and lessen dependence on costly downstream systems. That is why I believe Los Angeles should prioritize funding infrastructure through existing public revenues and more balanced citywide budget planning — not by continuing to layer new recurring assessments onto homeowners. This is ultimately a question of accountability and priorities. Residents should not have to pay extra to receive the basic municipal services we were already promised.

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council members: We are reluctantly voting yes on the proposed assessment increase because we understand that streetlight maintenance is important for public safety, neighbourhood quality, and basic City infrastructure. However, we are concerned that simply increasing the assessment will not solve the underlying problem if copper wire theft and vandalism continue. We urge the City to pair any increased funding with stronger enforcement and prevention efforts, including more active policing of metal theft, coordination with LAPD, as well as partnerships with recycling centres, scrap metal dealers, and pawn shops to report suspected stolen public infrastructure materials. The City should not only repair damaged streetlights after theft occurs, but also take stronger steps to prevent theft, identify repeat offenders, and disrupt the resale channels for stolen metals. Los Angeles homeowners should be asked to pay each year ONLY when a clear strategy is in place to reduce the theft and vandalism that are driving maintenance costs. We support maintaining safe, functioning streetlights, but we ask the City to use these funds responsibly and pursue enforcement, prevention, and accountability at the same time. Thank you.