

Communication from Public

Name: Cameron Properties, Inc.

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 04:44 PM

Council File No: 26-0331

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Name: Nilesh Singh

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Name: Fernando

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 05:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose this proposal. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: 26-0331

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 05:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am vehemently apposed to a special lighting property tax being levied on property owners. Street lighting benefits everyone - owners, renters, visitors - even the homeless and therefore levying property owners only is not fair. The proceeds of installing and maintaining street lighting falls on the city and should be funded by city funds. Additionally, the City must prioritize catching and prosecuting copper thieves and vandals responsible for damaging public infrastructure as well as those responsible for purchasing the stolen copper instead of leaving these people without consequences and just shifting the financial burden onto 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 streetlighting 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. For all these reasons I request that the City reject this additional tax on property owners.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 05:20 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie O

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 05:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Property Owners already pay a large amount of property taxes and yet we do not have transparency on where those funds are being spent. What would this new tax solve or assist with the housing shortage? Why are landlords being attacked even more since Covid? No other industry can be attacked like landlords have been. Operating costs for multifamily housing is exceeding expensive, yet your solution is to tax property owners more? Why are you not focusing on street conditions throughout the city not just in certain areas? Have you looked at the cost landlords have to pay to make repairs to damaged units, or loss of rent when it takes us months or up to a year to get a non-paying resident to vacate, legal costs to make sure you are complaint with all the hoops we as landlords have to go through. Please really consider how this will affect the housing providers and possible loss of jobs that will come out of this new property tax proposal. TRANSPARENCY is what needs to be given on what this new tax will address in the city that should already be taken care of by all the current property taxes property owners pay. Can the city address the homeless problem throughout Los Angeles and clean our streets up instead of attacking landlords. Higher overhead to landlords will cause rents to increase and not solve any problem but create a new problem.

Communication from Public

Name: Barbara Garcia

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 05:39 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: 1. 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. 2. Streetlights are a core government responsibility and benefit the entire public, not just adjacent property owners. 3. Property owners already pay substantial property taxes and deserve transparency regarding how existing tax revenues are being spent. 4. The City's classification of streetlighting as a "special benefit" rather than a general public benefit is flawed and contrary to common sense. 5. Many Mom-and-Pop housing providers (I AM ONE) cannot absorb additional taxes and assessments, especially one designed to increase annually over time. 6. 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. 8. 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. 9. Affordable alternatives such as solar-powered lighting upgrades and private contracting options should be explored prior to creating a permanent assessment district. 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.

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Name: Diane Carolan

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 03:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Street Lighting is public infrastructure and is not the Responsibility of homeowners. Our taxes are high enough. The city needs to responsibly spend the money they receive on these services. Quit passing on the bill to us. Enough is enough. It is another TAX

Communication from Public

Name: Chuck Azzuz

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Name: Manuel

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 03:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: 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.

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Name: Louise Cowen

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 03:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The City wants to remove copper wiring from street lamps and replace them with solar panels because of the increase in copper wire theft. They also want to install street lamps on residential streets. The proposed proposition was terrible for the following reasons. The first and most important is that the property taxes would be assessed FOREVER. How dare the City impose this forever tax on homeowners forever? The second is in addition to the forever assessment, the City wants to impose annual increases on the annual assessments. I am not opposed to a one-time assessment that is a set amount, not a forever tax with unknown increases. Finally, is it true that if a homeowner did not receive the ballot or it was not returned, that that would be considered a "Yes" vote. If so, that is not legal and not representative of the voters' intent.

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Name: Jjoe Scott

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 04:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My Street has not had Street Lights in Over a Year! The Taxes that I am All Ready Paying are supposed to covet Street Lighting and Public Safety!! 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.

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Name: George S

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 04:14 PM

Council File No: 26-0331

Comments for Public Posting: The proposed special tax is unfair Street lighting benefits the general public Public street lighting benefits the entire community - renters, homeowners, businesses, pedestrians, drivers, and visitors alike. It should not be funded through a targeted and permanently increasing assessment imposed primarily on property owners.

Communication from Public

Name: CatharineStevens

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 04:19 PM

Council File No: 26-0331

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council: Currently I own three small apartment buildings all with 8 units. My insurance although not in a fire zone went up double last year as many insurance companies decided to get out of the multi-residential properties. We purchased these buildings so that we could have an income flow when we retire. My husband is fully retired. I am still working. Mom and Pop property owners are going out of business everyday and corporations are taking over these properties. 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 streetlighting 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

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Name: ADELINE EKWEBELEM MADUABUCHI

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Name: Carole K

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Comments for Public Posting: There are 3 street lights on my street that have been out since at least the beginning of this year and it's dangerously dark on the corner they are adjacent to, affecting both pedestrians and cars. I've put in at least 2 requests to the city to fix them. No response and they still don't work. **MAYBE THE CITY IS NOT RESPONDING SO WE VOTE FOR THIS NEW AMENDMENT?** If so, it won't work. I've lived without these lights for 6 months, I can continue to live without them. I've already voted **NO** on the assessment. I'm **ALREADY** paying a street light assessment on my property tax bill--I don't need it to be quadrupled to the amount requested by the city.

Communication from Public

Name: Apartment Owners Association of California, Inc. (AOA)

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 03:32 PM

Council File No: 26-0331

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council Members, I am writing on behalf of over 20,000 rental property owners, to strongly oppose the proposed streetlight property tax assessment. Public street lighting is a core government responsibility that benefits the entire community, not just property owners. At a time when housing providers, renters, and working families are already struggling under rising costs, the City should not impose yet another financial burden on property owners to fund basic public safety infrastructure. Before creating a new and permanently increasing assessment, the City should focus on addressing the root causes of the streetlight crisis and improving accountability, efficiency, and public safety measures. Key concerns include: * Additional property taxes and assessments ultimately threaten housing affordability by forcing smaller owners to sell properties to large corporate developers. * The City should first improve maintenance oversight, secure utility access points, strengthen anti-theft protections, and explore more cost-effective repair options before imposing new taxes. * Affordable alternatives such as solar-powered lighting upgrades and private contracting options should be fully explored prior to creating a permanent new assessment district. * 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 benefit everyone — renters, homeowners, businesses, drivers, pedestrians, and visitors — not just adjacent parcels or housing providers. * Property owners already pay substantial property taxes and deserve transparency regarding how existing tax dollars are being allocated and why essential public services are no longer being funded through general revenues. * City's classification of streetlighting as a "special benefit" rather than a general public benefit is deeply flawed and contrary to common sense. * Residents should not be pressured into approving new taxes simply to maintain basic public safety services that are fundamental responsibilities of city government. * 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 small property owners, many of whom are already struggling with insurance increases,

maintenance costs, regulations, and inflation. * 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 yet another property tax assessment will only increase financial pressure on housing providers, discourage long-term investment in existing rental housing, and ultimately harm the very residents the City claims to protect. We respectfully urge the City Council to reject this proposed assessment and instead focus on crime prevention. Founded in 1977, the Apartment Owners Association of California (AOA) is California's largest membership organization for rental property owners, representing over 20,000 members and more than 100,000 housing providers statewide. AOA provides practical tools, education, and advocacy to support rental property owners across California. Jeff Faller President Apartment Owners Association of California, Inc. (AOA)

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Communication from Public

Name: Mike Tolj

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 03:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To the Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council and the Board of Public Works, I am writing to respectfully oppose the proposed streetlight property tax assessment being considered by the City. This proposal would impose an additional and ongoing financial burden on property owners who are already facing significant increases in insurance, maintenance, taxes, and regulatory costs. Adding another assessment tied to property ownership is neither equitable nor sustainable. Street lighting is a fundamental public service that benefits the entire community—residents, businesses, drivers, pedestrians, and visitors—and should be funded through general public revenues rather than a narrowly targeted property-based charge. Before considering new assessments, the City should prioritize addressing copper theft and vandalism, improving maintenance efficiency, and evaluating more cost-effective alternatives for infrastructure upkeep. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the City Council and the Board of Public Works to reject this proposal. Sincerely, Mike Tolj

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 03:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Nagi/Monda, The City of Los Angeles is considering a new streetlight property tax assessment that would place yet another financial burden on housing providers to fund basic public infrastructure and public safety services. Hopefully you sent in your ballot. If we all make public comments and show up to the hearing next week, I believe we can squash this proposed additional property tax! We strongly encourage all housing providers to submit public comments opposing this proposal. It is critical that City leaders hear directly from small property owners and rental housing providers, who are already struggling with rising insurance costs, inflation, regulations, maintenance expenses, and existing property taxes. Public street lighting benefits the entire community - renters, homeowners, businesses, pedestrians, drivers, and visitors alike. It should not be funded through a targeted and permanently increasing assessment imposed primarily on property owners. Suggested talking points for your public comments include: 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 streetlighting 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

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Name: Peter Nott

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 03:52 PM

Council File No: 26-0331

Comments for Public Posting: Public Comment Opposing Additional Street Lighting Tax

Members of the Council, I strongly oppose the proposal to impose yet another tax on property owners to fund solar-powered street lighting systems. The real issue here is not a lack of technology. The real issue is rampant theft, lawlessness, and the City's failure to adequately enforce existing laws and protect public infrastructure. Copper wire theft has become common because criminals increasingly believe there are little or no consequences for these crimes. Instead of addressing the root problem by increasing law enforcement efforts, prosecuting repeat offenders, and protecting critical infrastructure, the City's response appears to be: "Tax the public again." That is unacceptable. Property owners and taxpayers are already burdened with extremely high costs, including rising utility rates, insurance premiums, labor costs, permit fees, compliance mandates, and existing taxes. Apartment owners in particular are being squeezed from every direction while also operating under strict rent control laws that severely limit the ability to recover increasing operating expenses. If the City nevertheless chooses to impose any new tax, assessment, or mandatory fee related to street lighting, then owners of rent-controlled buildings must be fully allowed to pass those costs through to tenants. Otherwise, the City is effectively forcing housing providers to subsidize another municipal failure out of their own pockets. Los Angeles cannot continue solving every problem by creating another tax while ignoring the underlying causes of the problem itself. The City should focus first on:

- Stopping theft and vandalism through stronger enforcement
- Prosecuting organized copper theft rings
- Increasing police presence in affected areas
- Protecting existing infrastructure
- Holding criminals accountable

Only after those responsibilities are fulfilled should taxpayers be asked for additional money. Thank you.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 11:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a struggling property owner and I cannot afford another tax. Public street lighting benefits the entire community - renters, homeowners, businesses, pedestrians, drivers, and visitors alike. It should not be funded through a targeted and permanently increasing assessment imposed primarily on property owners. 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 streetlighting 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. Do not punish me for owning a property. Why are you not prosecuting the people stealing the copper wiring? This has been going on for years. Thanks

Communication from Public

Name: Karie DiNardo

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 02:01 PM

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Name: Alex
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Comments for Public Posting: We are a mom and pop Landlord for a triplex. We haven't been able to raise the rents to keep up with the increasing property taxes, property insurance, utilities, etc. and now we are facing an increase in our property taxes once again why is it that you want to hurt mom and pop landlords who cannot absorb these costs as opposed to corporate landlords who can possibly absorb these costs because of economies of scale. If the objective is to create more housing. All your actions are doing is having more Mom and pop people sell their properties to corporate investors who raise the rent methodically to tenants who need affordable housing. Please say no to this assessment as it will hurt me and my wife and other mom and Pop Owners the most think about.

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Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 02:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This proposal is very upsetting. We pay property tax and our dollars are not being used responsibly. I am a small business apartment building owner and you have more restrictions for us to the point we cannot afford to even keep our properties. Please note my concerns: 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 streetlighting 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.

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Communication from Public

Name: SK

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 02:13 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Bianca

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 02:15 PM

Council File No: 26-0331

Comments for Public Posting: As regular city residents we pay very high taxes in everything, this additional fee for something our tax dollars already are supposed to cover affects small mom and pop landlords like myself. Recently my insurance fees trippled, my rental is under rent control, I can only make increases which is also set by the city. How much more of a shakedown will you make us go through. 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 streetlighting 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. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Green

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 02:17 PM

Council File No: 26-0331

Comments for Public Posting: It is dimaying to see the City and Mayor Bass ignore the causes of street light problems and decide that the solution is to JUST TAX MORE. The following video details how funding for street lights was channelled elsewhere to pet projects and then how the City failed to protect street lights against crime. I also agree with the below points made by AOAUSA. LA's New Street Light Tax: Why Some Property Owners Could Pay Thousands | Jon Fleischman
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZbQLTjT-AQ&t=168s> 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 streetlighting 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Nitza

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 02:32 PM

Council File No: 26-0331

Comments for Public Posting: Streetlights are BASIC GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY and benefit the ENTIRE public, not just the adjacent property owners. Property owners already pay substantial property taxes. They must know how existing tax revenues are being spent! Small/familyowned housing providers cannot afford absorbing additional taxes and assessments. Operating costs keep rising to insane level. Stop this madness!

Communication from Public

Name: Faye Salim

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 02:33 PM

Council File No: 26-0331

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Communication from Public

Name: Thomas Coleman

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 02:36 PM

Council File No: 26-0331

Comments for Public Posting: The City's classification of streetlighting 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. Assessments cannot be past on to my tenants who you feel will receive the "special benefit"

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 02:38 PM

Council File No: 26-0331

Comments for Public Posting: OPPOSITION TO L.A. City Street Light Assessment Tax on PROPERTY OWNER 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. THis new tax is biased by placing a burden on a selected group— property owners. IF I had known government was going to squeeze me dry of my hard-earned money, achieved through sacrifice and hard work, I would have taken the welfare route, stayed home and lived off “tax free “ government aid—a parasite without the stress of being a high achiever, exploited out of my \$\$\$ at every turn.

Communication from Public

Name: Judy K

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 02:39 PM

Council File No: 26-0331

Comments for Public Posting: Rising operating costs continue to place enormous pressure on housing providers and threaten long-term housing affordability. The city already imposes impractical rent increase limits to landlords. Rising costs to landlords can never be fully recovered while the city ignores the natural market forces that will eventually force landlords to remove units from the market. Unsustainable.

Communication from Public

Name: owner of real property
Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 02:39 PM
Council File No: 26-0331
Comments for Public Posting: NO streetlight property tax! Stop spending so much money on the homeless and fund our streetlights!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 02:39 PM

Council File No: 26-0331

Comments for Public Posting: I am sorry but these taxes have to stop. We are retired. Do not need any more taxes on our house. We live in Chatsworth which used to be a very nice place to live. Now we're thinking about moving out because of the homeless. They built a train station and they just had them shipped in here from other cities And they are sleeping on the streets . We don't feel safe going out for a walk at night I hope we get Spencer Pratt hope he can change what has happened to are town

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Gonzales

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 02:44 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Michael W Chin
Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 02:44 PM
Council File No: 26-0331

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Michael, The City of Los Angeles is considering a new streetlight property tax assessment that would place yet another financial burden on housing providers to fund basic public infrastructure and public safety services. Hopefully you sent in your ballot. If we all make public comments and show up to the hearing next week, I believe we can squash this proposed additional property tax! We strongly encourage all housing providers to submit public comments opposing this proposal. It is critical that City leaders hear directly from small property owners and rental housing providers, who are already struggling with rising insurance costs, inflation, regulations, maintenance expenses, and existing property taxes. Public street lighting benefits the entire community - renters, homeowners, businesses, pedestrians, drivers, and visitors alike. It should not be funded through a targeted and permanently increasing assessment imposed primarily on property owners. Suggested talking points for your public comments include: 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 streetlighting 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

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 02:45 PM

Council File No: 26-0331

Comments for Public Posting: The City of Los Angeles should prioritize preventing and prosecuting copper theft and vandalism affecting public infrastructure rather than shifting the financial burden onto property owners through new assessments. Streetlighting is a fundamental public safety service that benefits the entire community and should remain a core responsibility of city government funded through existing tax revenues. Property owners already pay substantial property taxes and deserve greater transparency regarding how those funds are allocated and managed. Classifying streetlighting as a “special benefit” to adjacent property owners rather than a general public benefit is flawed and inconsistent with the reality that safe, functioning streets serve all residents, businesses, and visitors. Many small “Mom-and-Pop” housing providers are already struggling with rising operating costs, insurance, utilities, maintenance, and regulatory burdens. Additional taxes and escalating assessments threaten long-term housing affordability and may force smaller owners to sell properties to large corporate developers, accelerating redevelopment pressures and higher rents across neighborhoods. Before creating a permanent assessment district, the City should first improve infrastructure maintenance oversight, secure utility access points, strengthen anti-theft protections, and explore more cost-effective repair solutions. Affordable alternatives, including solar-powered lighting systems and competitive private contracting options, should also be evaluated. Residents and property owners should not be pressured into approving new taxes simply to maintain basic public safety services. This proposal sets a concerning precedent by transferring traditional public infrastructure costs onto a limited group of taxpayers instead of funding them broadly and fairly across the city.

Communication from Public

Name: Irma Aguilar

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 02:54 PM

Council File No: 26-0331

Comments for Public Posting: I STRONGLY OPPOSE Proposed Streetlight Assessment for the following reasons. 1. 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. 2. Streetlights are a core government responsibility and benefit the entire public, not just adjacent property owners. 3. Property owners already pay substantial property taxes and deserve transparency regarding how existing tax revenues are being spent. 4. The City's classification of streetlighting as a "special benefit" rather than a general public benefit is flawed and contrary to common sense. 5. Many Mom-and-Pop housing providers cannot absorb additional taxes and assessments, especially one designed to increase annually over time. 6. Rising operating costs continue to place enormous pressure on housing providers and threaten long-term housing affordability. 7. Additional taxes and assessments may force smaller owners to sell properties to large corporate developers, accelerating redevelopment and higher rents. 8. 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. 9. Affordable alternatives such as solar-powered lighting upgrades and private contracting options should be explored prior to creating a permanent assessment district. 10. Residents should not be pressured into approving new taxes simply to maintain basic public safety services that are fundamental responsibilities of city government. 11. 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. Respectfully yours. Irma Aguilar 626-689-0077

Communication from Public

Name: Allan Alt

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 02:54 PM

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 09:30 PM

Council File No: 26-0331

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Communication from Public

Name: Luther Shorter

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 10:02 PM

Council File No: 26-0331

Comments for Public Posting: 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. Please be fair and denounce this proposal to have property owners disadvantaged with additional inequality taxes.

Communication from Public

Name: Raquel Trifon

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 05:56 PM

Council File No: 26-0331

Comments for Public Posting: 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. Also, property owners already pay substantial property taxes and deserve transparency regarding how existing tax revenues are being spent

Communication from Public

Name: Ken Kallman

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 06:16 PM

Council File No: 26-0331

Comments for Public Posting: *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 streetlighting 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.

Communication from Public

Name: Albert Hermogeno
Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 06:22 PM
Council File No: 26-0331

Comments for Public Posting: I respectfully oppose COUNCIL FILE NUMBER: 26-0331 for the following reasons: 1) 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. 2) Streetlights are a core government responsibility and benefit the entire public, not just adjacent property owners. 3) The City's classification of street lighting as a "special benefit" rather than a general public benefit is flawed and contrary to common sense. 4) Many Mom-and-Pop housing providers including myself cannot absorb additional taxes and assessments, especially one designed to increase annually over time. 5) Rising operating costs continue to place enormous pressure on housing providers like me and threaten long-term housing affordability. 6) Additional taxes and assessments will force smaller owners like me to sell properties to large corporate developers, accelerating redevelopment and higher rents. 7) 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. 8) Residents should not be pressured into approving new taxes simply to maintain basic public safety services that are fundamental responsibilities of city government. 9) This proposal sets a dangerous precedent by shifting traditional public infrastructure costs into 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 small (Mom & Pop) housing providers like me and ultimately harm renters and working families as well. As a small housing property owner and rental housing provider, I am already struggling with the rising insurance costs, inflation, regulations, maintenance expenses, and existing property taxes. Public street lighting benefits the entire community - renters, homeowners, businesses, pedestrians, drivers, and visitors alike. It should not be funded through a targeted and permanently increasing assessment imposed primarily on property owners. Thank you for your time, understanding and consideration of my appeal.

Communication from Public

Name: Fred Keivanfar

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 08:38 PM

Council File No: 26-0331

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Communication from Public

Name: Marc

Date Submitted: 05/28/2026 08:45 PM

Council File No: 26-0331

Comments for Public Posting: To the Los Angeles City Council, I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed streetlight property tax assessment currently under consideration by the City of Los Angeles. Housing providers and small property owners are already facing significant financial pressure from rising insurance premiums, inflation, increasing regulations, maintenance costs, and existing property taxes. Imposing an additional assessment — especially one designed to increase annually over time — will only worsen the housing affordability crisis facing Los Angeles. Public street lighting is a core government responsibility that benefits the entire community, including renters, homeowners, businesses, pedestrians, drivers, and visitors alike. It should not be funded through a targeted assessment imposed primarily on property owners. I respectfully urge the City Council to reconsider this proposal for several important reasons: The City should prioritize catching and prosecuting copper thieves and vandals responsible for damaging public infrastructure instead of shifting the financial burden onto 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 streetlighting as a “special benefit” to adjacent property owners rather than a general public benefit is fundamentally flawed and contrary to common sense. Many small “Mom-and-Pop” housing providers cannot absorb additional taxes and assessments. Rising operating costs continue to place enormous pressure on housing providers and threaten long-term housing affordability. Additional taxes and assessments may force smaller property owners to sell to large corporate developers, accelerating redevelopment and contributing to higher rents. Before imposing new taxes, the City should first improve maintenance oversight, strengthen anti-theft protections, secure utility access points, and explore more cost-effective repair solutions. Affordable alternatives such as solar-powered lighting upgrades and private contracting options should be fully 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 experiencing a severe housing affordability crisis. Adding another property tax assessment will only increase financial strain on housing providers and ultimately harm renters and working families as well. I respectfully urge the City Council to reject this proposal and pursue more equitable and fiscally responsible solutions.

Sincerely, Marc Sigal

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Name: Efi Meirson

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Comments for Public Posting: Because of the longstanding mismanagement of the city, the standard procedure is to tax, tax, and tax some more. The city streets are falling apart. They are in the worse condition in 50 years. A new conservative city management is what is needed. Not more taxes

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Name: S. Turner

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