

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 06/01/2026 11:40 PM

Council File No: 26-0331

Comments for Public Posting: To the City Council: I do not believe I live within the assessment district for streetlight retrofitting. However, I think it's worth commenting on. The reason for the assessment is that the existing streetlights were disabled by criminal activity. The City has decided that instead of undertaking the repairs within the city budget or in a citywide assessment, it is essentially going to charge the victims of the crime. This is reprehensible, especially since it was the City's failure to protect the residents of this district from the crime for which they are now being charged to restore the lighting they've lost -- and they've been kept in the dark so long that they're ready to pay to get back what they should, by right, have had all along. But it does keep it off the budget, doesn't it, and I suppose that's a good part of what this exercise is about. Of course, it's also promoting the transition to solar lighting, which may, indeed, be beneficial, but should be dealt with as a citywide program, not as an additional punishment for having been left in the dark for months on end. This is a shameful approach to a worthwhile project. David Ewing Venice

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Name: M. Juarez

Date Submitted: 06/01/2026 12:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly OBJECT to instituting maintenance assessment proceedings of the City of Los Angeles Streetlight Maintenance Assessment District No. 5500. Cost of homeownership in Los Angeles is very high. Politicians talk about homelessness in Los Angeles. What about PREVENTING homelessness. Adding more fees to our property tax will cause people to lose their homes. The City has to do a better job at managing public funds. More money should be spent on preventing a problem rather than reacting to it.

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Name: KJ

Date Submitted: 06/01/2026 10:04 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: NO on proposed streetlight property tax assessment! 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.

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Name: Gloria Muscarella

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the proposed streetlight property tax assessment. This assessment unfairly targets property owners, placing a disproportionate financial burden on those with larger parcels, like the property I manage near Hart Street and Caster, where the streetlight only covers a small fraction of the land. Furthermore, the City must prioritize catching and prosecuting copper thieves and vandals who damage public infrastructure, rather than shifting the costs onto property owners who already pay substantial taxes. To submit this, please go to the Los Angeles City Council website and enter the Council File number 26-0331 to post your public comment.

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Name: Gloria Muscarella

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Comments for Public Posting: In addition to our strong opposition, we want to highlight a serious administrative error regarding property assessment. The City has included a separate lot, a guest house situated entirely behind another property with no street access and blocked by a 12-foot hedge, in this assessment. This demonstrates a lack of accurate information and confirms that the assessment process is flawed and should be reconsidered.