

Communication from Public

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Council File No: 26-0331

Comments for Public Posting: NAME: Rose Kato, Community Advocate & Homeowner/CD11 Constituent DATE: June 26, 2026, 10:00 AM City Council Meeting FILE: Council File 26-0331 Prior to the June 2 City Council Meeting Agenda being posted on Friday, May 29, City Council CLEARLY violated the Brown Act by having a secret meeting to ALTER the original wording of Section 12 Tabulation of Ballots protocol in Ordinance 188892 of File #26-0331 that has been in effect since April 5, 2026. NO additional PUBLIC City Council Meeting is recorded as taking place to REWORD and REPLACE the Ordinance to create a NEW ONE.
https://cityclerk.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2026/26-0331_ord_188892_4-5-26.pdf SEC. 12. TABULATION OF BALLOTS (Effective 04/05/2026)
<https://lacity.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?meetingTemplateId=152641> June 2, 2026, 10:00 am City Council Agenda Posted 05/29/2026 City Clerk Patrice Lattimore's report to City Council states that L.A. City ALLEGEDLY "provided notice to property owners of parcels in the proposed Streetlight Maintenance Assessment District No. 5500"—IMPLYING that ALL owners were noticed. BUT THEY WERE NOT. Ordinance 188892 states: • The boundaries are ALL City streets with existing permanent streetlights...within the boundaries of the City of L.A.... • ALL parcels within the District receive a special benefit... • The Board of Public Works mailed a ballot to each property owner affected by the assessment... Then, why were Special Ballots sent to less than 600,000 property owners with an Angeleno population of 3.8 million? Ordinance 188892 FALSELY states "THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES DO SO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS..." DESPITE THE FACT THAT "ALL PARCELS WITHIN THE DISTRICT RECEIVE A SPECIAL BENEFIT"--BUT NOT ALL PROPERTY OWNERS were ALLOWED TO VOTE. This Ordinance is just a quick fix by Mayor Bass and City Council to quadruple the current \$44 million assessment to \$160 million—nearly half of which is administrative costs—and to redirect \$19.8 million in discretionary funds to other 'pork' projects.

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FILE #26-0331 ORDINANCE 188892

SEC. 12. TABULATION OF BALLOTS (Effective 04/05/2026)

Sec. 12. TABULATION OF BALLOTS. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Clerk shall tabulate all assessment ballots that have been submitted and not withdrawn. To be included in the tabulation, assessment ballots must be received by the City Clerk either at the address indicated in the notice required by Government Code Section 53753 or at the site of the public hearing prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. The City Clerk shall certify the results of the tabulation to the City Council during its hearing on June 2, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as City Council business permits, in the John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340, City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012.

L.A. City Council Meeting, Tuesday, June 2, 2026, 10:00 am

ITEM #1 NOTICED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

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Items Noticed for Public Hearing

(1) **26-0331**

HEAR PROTESTS relative to instituting maintenance assessment proceedings of the City of Los Angeles Streetlight Maintenance Assessment District No. 5500.

Pursuant to Council adoption of Ordinance of Intention No. 188892 on March 24, 2026. The tabulation of ballots shall take place in Space 375 of 555 Ramirez Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, beginning June 3, 2026 at 10 a.m. and will be publicly livestreamed. Ballot tabulation will continue daily until all ballots are tabulated. For more information on how to observe the tabulation in-person or via livestream please visit clerk.lacity.org/elections. Public announcement of the tabulation of ballots and consideration of the Final Ordinance will take place at Council on June 26, 2026.