

Re: Council File 26-0331 — Streetlight Maintenance Assessment District No. 5500

To the Los Angeles City Council,

I write in opposition to the proposed Streetlight Maintenance Assessment District No. 5500.

What this measure brings into focus is a larger pattern. California has been bleeding influential people, successful businesses, and higher-income taxpayers for years, and the pattern has become too large to dismiss as anecdotal. When people with the most options keep leaving, they are casting a very loud vote of no confidence in the direction of the state.

At the same time, California is even considering a one-time wealth tax on billionaires, adding to the picture of a state leaning more and more on punitive taxation rather than rebuilding confidence. Prop. 13 is also being weakened in practice through assessments, parcel taxes, bonds, and other workarounds that keep extracting more from property owners.

Los Angeles has already shown how badly mismanagement can go. Homelessness spending failures left millions unrecovered or poorly documented, serious enough to trigger audits and a federal homelessness-fraud task force. Fire-preparedness failures during the Palisades fire also raised grave questions about basic competence and priorities.

So this is where LA officials have brought us: mismanagement on many fronts, money fleeing the state, and now ordinary homeowners are expected to cover the gap through nickel-and-dime schemes like this streetlight assessment.

I urge you to reject this proposal.

Sincerely,



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