

## CITY OF LONG BEACH UB-22

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December 2, 2008

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

**RECOMMENDATION:** 

Continue to the Council meeting of December 16, 2008 the proposed adoption of resolutions overruling protests, determining results of the election, adoption of the Engineer's Report, confirming of assessments and ordering the improvements for the undergrounding of utilities between 5430 and 5544 The Toledo to be funded by Assessment District No. 08-01 (District 3)

## **DISCUSSION**

On September 23, 2008, City Council adopted RES-08-0116, declaring its intention to order improvements and to form Assessment District No. 08-01, and RES-08-0117, preliminarily approving the Engineering Report for the Assessment District and calling for a public hearing and a property owner election for the proposed Assessment District on November 11, 2008.

On November 11, 2008, the City Council conducted the required hearing and received no public comments during the hearing. The public hearing was closed; however, due to a written protest received by U.S. Mail earlier in the day, it was recommended that the matter of formal consideration of adopting the required resolutions to from the assessment district be held over until December 2, 2008, to give staff time to review the protest letter.

In reviewing the protest letter with legal counsel and the consultant who prepared the Engineers Report, staff feels that all requirements under the state and City codes for the formation of the proposed assessment district have been complied with. In order to further protect the City, one of the property owners has agreed to indemnify and pay any costs incurred by the City and its consultants should a lawsuit be filed challenging the formation of the District. This property owner has requested that the matter be continued until December 16, 2008, in order to finalize the indemnity agreement.

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This matter was reviewed by Chief Assistant City Attorney Heather Mahood on November 19, 2008 and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on October 22, 2008

## TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

By Resolution No. RES-08-0117, the date for action on this matter was set for November 11, 2008, and then continued to December 2, 2008 by City Council action.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no fiscal impact to the City.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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MICHAEL P. CONWAY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

**APPROVED:** 

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