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**Memorandum**  
**Third Council District**

**R-17**

**Date:** March 11, 2008

**To:** Honorable Mayor Foster and Members of the City Council

**From:** Gary DeLong, Councilmember, Third District *GD*  
Bonnie Lowenthal, Vice Mayor, First District *BL*  
Rae Gabelich, Councilwoman, Eighth District *RG*

**Subject:** **Request for Preparation of Undergrounding Utilities Assessment District**

Certain neighborhoods in the City of Long Beach have approached the City with an interest in forming assessment districts to fund the undergrounding of utility lines in their area. Such districts would allow the neighborhoods to "self fund" such undergrounding, instead of waiting for City or Southern California Edison funds to become available.

Presently, state law governing such districts is very cumbersome, and has created hurdles to the formation of such districts. Since the City of Long Beach is a charter city, we are able to create an ordinance, which simplifies and streamlines the formation of such districts. The adoption of the ordinance would not create any specific district, but it would enable these neighborhoods to begin the process of formation.

**Recommended Action:**

**Request that the City Attorney's office prepare such an ordinance governing the formation of utility undergrounding assessment districts.**