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Long Beach City Council
Mayor Bob Foster
City Manager Patrick West
Chief Assistant City Attorney Heather Mahood

Good evening.

The creation of this special assessment district to underground certain utilities along The Toledo will eventually save the City of Long Beach over \$1.5 Million. The opportunity should not be missed since it will set an example for similar projects within the City.

A single voter in this democratic process should not be allowed to slow down or jeopardize the effort put forth by the City of Long Beach and the neighbors represented. The process by which we arrived at a 75% approval by the neighbors contributing to this effort was scrupulously adhered to. The City of Long Beach has already invested a significant amount of staff time and effort in the under grounding project by organizing the engineering study. Additionally, the City's bond council is recommending going forward with the assessment district.

We support staff's recommendation to move forward and create the assessment district. I am convinced that this will be the end of any dispute since I doubt that this legal action will be considered by a court after a long and careful procedure for the last few years which included a vote of approval of 3/4 of the homes involved. Not to approve and move forward at this time would cost the City in the future since no one would ever again attempt a long, tedious and time-consuming effort like this if a single dissenting vote could delay or stop the process.

Sincerely yours,



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