

RESOLUTION 17-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE CITY'S INTENTION TO CONSOLIDATE STREETLIGHT MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1, LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1, AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. T-1 INCLUDING AND INCORPORATING THE ZONES THEREIN AS THE SANTA CLARITA LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICT; AND TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS, PRELIMINARILY APPROVE THE ENGINEER'S REPORT IN CONNECTION WITH ZONE T4 OF THE SANTA CLARITA LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DISTRICT, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18, AND APPOINTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR COMMENT (PUBLIC HEARING) ON THE ENGINEER'S REPORT

WHEREAS, the City Council of Santa Clarita, California (City Council), pursuant to the provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, being Division 15 of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California (Act), being the legislative body for Santa Clarita's Streetlight Maintenance District No. 1; and Landscape Maintenance District Nos. 1, and T-1 (Existing Districts) inclusive of Landscaping Zone No. T4, (Benefit Zone), pursuant to Chapter 2, Article 2, Section 22605 of the Act, may order the consolidation into a single assessment district two or more existing assessment districts formed pursuant to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, pursuant to the provisions of the Act, did by previous resolution initiate proceedings to consolidate the Existing Districts including the designated Benefit Zones into a single assessment district for Fiscal Year 2017-18 to be designated as the "Santa Clarita Landscaping and Lighting District" (Consolidated District); and for the levy and collection of assessments within the Consolidated District inclusive of the designated Benefit Zones for Fiscal Year 2017-18, for the purposes provided therefore in the Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous to undertake proceedings to provide for the annual levy of assessments for Fiscal Year 2017-18 to provide for the costs and expenses necessary to pay for the operation, maintenance, and servicing of the improvements in the Consolidated District and Benefit Zones; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the improvements and facilities at a standard acceptable to the City, the assessments within the Consolidated District and designated Benefit Zones will need to be levied for Fiscal Year 2017-18; and

WHEREAS, Article XIID of the California State Constitution (State Constitution) often referred to as Proposition 218 or the Right to Vote on Taxes Act, requires in part that if the assessment rate is to be increased above the previously adopted maximum assessment rate and rate adjustment, a notice of the proposed new or increased assessment along with a ballot, shall be mailed to all owners of the affected parcels, and the agency shall conduct a public hearing not less than 45 days after the mailing of said notice and ballot; and

WHEREAS, notices and Assessment Ballots are not required if assessments are not increased, other than for the amount of the Consumer Price Index (CPI); and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2017-18 CPI has been determined to be 1.97 percent calculated from the annual change in the CPI, during the preceding year ending in December, for All Urban Consumers, and the Los Angeles, Riverside, and Orange County areas; and

WHEREAS, during Fiscal Year 2017-18, the City may acquire, install and convert existing street lighting improvements to be financed through the use of tax-exempt obligations, and such acquisition, installation and conversion constitute proposed new improvements or substantial changes in the existing improvements for the Consolidated District the costs of which, other than maintenance and servicing, is greater than can be conveniently raised from a single annual assessment and may be determined to be collected in installments; and

WHEREAS, the designated Engineer of Work for the Consolidated District, Willdan Financial Services (Engineer), has prepared and filed with the City Clerk a preliminary Engineer's Report (Report) concerning the installation, construction, or maintenance of any authorized improvements under the Act, including any proposed new improvements or any substantial changes in existing improvements, and the levy and collection of the proposed Fiscal Year 2018-19 assessments for the designated Benefit Zones within the Consolidated District as required by the provisions of the Act. Pursuant to Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 22567 of the Act, this Report contains the following:

- a. Plans and specifications describing the general nature, location, and extent of the improvements to be maintained, which incorporate the acquisition, installation, replacement, construction, maintenance, and/or servicing of any authorized improvements under the Act, including, but not limited to street lighting, traffic signals, landscape and irrigation improvements, and any facilities which are appurtenant to any of the aforementioned or which are necessary or convenient for the maintenance or servicing thereof;
- b. An estimate of the cost of the operation, maintenance, and/or servicing of the improvements for the designated Benefit Zones within the Consolidated District for the referenced fiscal year;
- c. Plans and specifications describing the general nature, location, and extent of the acquisition, installation and conversion of street lighting improvements, including retrofit thereof; the estimated cost thereof other than maintenance and servicing; the number of annual installments and the fiscal years during which they are to be collected; and the maximum amount of each annual installment;
- d. Diagrams for the designated Benefit Zones within the Consolidated District;
- e. An assessment of the estimated costs of the operation, maintenance, and/or servicing, of the improvements, and any assessment installment, assessing the net amount upon all assessable lots and/or parcels within the designated Benefit Zones in the Consolidated District in proportion to the special benefits received; and

WHEREAS, this City Council has examined and considered the Report, improvements, diagrams, and assessments, and the proceedings prior thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2017-18 assessments as described in the Report for the designated Benefit Zones are not proposed to be increased above the previously approved and adopted CPI and such assessments are adequate to maintain the facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Santa Clarita does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals: That the above recitals are all true and correct.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Intention: That the public interest and convenience requires, and it is the intention of this legislative body, to levy and collect assessments to pay the net annual special benefit costs and expenses for the acquisition, installation, replacement, construction, maintenance, and/or servicing of the improvements and facilities for the above-referenced designated Benefit Zones within the Consolidated District.

SECTION 3. New of Substantially Changed Improvements: The City determines that the new or substantially changed improvements to be financed by the Consolidated District, namely the acquisition, installation and conversion of street lights within the Consolidated District and retrofit thereof, estimated to cost \$17,000,000, is greater than can be conveniently raised from a single annual assessment. The City declares its intent pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the State Constitution to spread the cost of the improvements, including related incidental expenses, over a period of not to exceed thirty (30) years, commencing Fiscal Year 2018-19, with an estimated maximum annual installments of not to exceed \$2,200,000 (assuming a 10 year financing), as a component within the maximum amount of the current and future approved annual assessments.

SECTION 4. Fiscal Year: That the assessments described in the Report and proposed to be levied as part of these proceedings will provide revenue related to the acquisition, installation, replacement, construction, maintenance, and/or servicing of any authorized improvements under the Act as outlined in the Report for the Fiscal Year, commencing July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018.

SECTION 5. District Designations and Location: The designated Benefit Zones within the Consolidated District addressed in this Resolution of Intention and addressed in the Report include and incorporate the district and zones previously identified as Landscape Maintenance District No. T-1 inclusive of Zone No. T4. The overall boundaries of the Consolidated District is coterminous within the boundaries of the City of Santa Clarita although not all parcels within the City are included in the designated Benefit Zones, nor are all parcels assessed.

SECTION 6. Preliminary Report Approval: The City Council hereby finds that the Report filed with the City Clerk and submitted to the City Council provides a full and detailed description of the new and existing improvements, estimated costs of the operation, maintenance and/or servicing of the improvements, estimated costs of the acquisition, installation and

conversion of improvements, including the maximum annual assessment components, the boundaries of the designated Benefit Zones, and the proposed assessments upon assessable lots and parcels of land within said Benefit Zones and Consolidated District, consistent with the provisions of the Act and the State Constitution. The City Council hereby preliminarily approves and adopts the Report as submitted or as modified herein by direction of the City Council as reflected by the minutes of the Council Meeting at which this Resolution of Intention was adopted. The Report as preliminary approved shall stand as the Engineer's Report for the purposes of all subsequent proceedings pursuant to this Resolution of Intention and filed with the City Clerk.

SECTION 7. Assessments: The proposed assessments as described in the Report for Fiscal Year 2017-18 are not proposed to be increased above the previously approved and adopted CPI adjustment.

SECTION 8. Public Hearing Date: The City Council hereby appoints June 13, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., in the City of Santa Clarita, California, as the time, place, and date of the Public Hearing on the Consolidated District, the designated Benefit Zones, and the Report prepared and filed in connection therewith. At the hearing, the City Council shall hear and consider all discussion regarding the proposed assessments as described in the Report.

SECTION 9. Notice of Public Hearing: The City Council hereby directs the City Clerk or their authorized representative to cause Notice of the Public Hearing to be given in the manner provided by applicable law.

SECTION 10. Adoption of Resolution: The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of May 2017

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

DATE: _____

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.
CITY OF SANTA CLARITA)

I, Mary Cusick, City Clerk of the City of Santa Clarita, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Clarita at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 23rd day of May 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

CITY CLERK