

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT PREPARED BY WILLDAN FINANCIAL SERVICES AS FILED, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS WITHIN LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. LL001 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025/26 PURSUANT TO THE LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972 FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING OF LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING, AND GIVING NOTICE OF AND SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE LEVY OF THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS

WHEREAS, in March 1990, the City Council of the City of Claremont (the "City") adopted Landscape and Lighting District No. LL001 pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2 (commencing with § 22500) of Division 15 of the Streets and Highways Code (the "Act"), for the maintenance and servicing of street lighting, street trees, parkways, median islands, and city parks; and

WHEREAS, in March of 1997, a majority of voters of the City of Claremont approved Ordinance No. 97-1 ("Measure A"), which among other things, ratified, approved, and validated the assessments under existing Landscape and Lighting District No. LL001 and authorized the City Council "to increase on an annual basis the annual levy for Landscape and Lighting District No. LL001" using the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim Area, published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, provided that any such annual increase in assessments not exceed ten percent (10%); and

WHEREAS, Landscape and Lighting District No. LL001 qualifies for continued levying under Section 5 of Article XIII D of the California Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the City is required under the Act to follow certain annual procedures for levying assessments; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-10 initiating proceedings for the levy and collection of assessments for Fiscal Year 2025/26 ; and

WHEREAS, by said resolution, the City Council ordered Willdan Financial Services, for the purpose of assisting the City with the annual levy and collection of assessments within said assessment district, to prepare and file a report with the City Clerk in accordance with Article 4 (commencing with § 22565) of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 15 of the Streets and Highway Code; and

WHEREAS, Willdan Financial Services has filed such report with the City Clerk, and such report has been presented and considered by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Landscape Lighting and Assessment District Annual Update is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15273(a)(4) because the purpose of the annual assessment is to provide funding to maintain existing public landscaping and streetlights within the City of Claremont; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA Guideline Section 15061(b)(3), this item is exempt from CEQA because there is no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment because the action will simply provide funding to maintain existing public landscaping and streetlights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. Intention. The City Council hereby declares that it is their intention to levy and collect assessments for Landscape and Lighting District No. LL001 for the Fiscal Year 2024/25 pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972. The area to be assessed is located in the City of Claremont, County of Los Angeles. The boundaries of Landscape and Lighting District No. LL001 are described in the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Annual Engineer's Report (on file in the City Clerk's office). No assessments shall be imposed upon a federal or state government agency (county, city, and/or special district) located within the boundaries except when such property is not devoted to a public use.

SECTION 3. Purpose. The purpose of Landscape and Lighting District No. LL001 is for maintenance and servicing of street lighting, street trees, parkways, median islands, and city parks.

SECTION 4. Report. The Willdan Financial Services report is on file with the City Clerk and is hereby approved, as filed, by the City Council. All interested persons are referred to the Willdan Financial Services report for a full and detailed description of the work, the boundaries of the proposed assessment district, and the proposed assessments upon assessable lots and parcels of land within Landscape and Lighting District No. LL001.

SECTION 5. Time and Place of Hearing. On Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at the hour of 7:00 p.m., during the course of its regular scheduled meeting, the City Council will conduct a public hearing on the question of the levy of the proposed annual assessment. The hearing will be held at the City Council Chamber, 225 Second Street, Claremont, California.

SECTION 6. Notice. The City Clerk shall give notice of the time and place of said hearing by publishing a copy of this Resolution once in the Claremont Courier and once in the Daily Bulletin not less than ten (10) days before the date of the hearing.

SECTION 7. Pre-Approved CPI Increase of Annual Assessment. The proposed annual assessment shall be based on actual total costs, as delineated by Streets and Highways Code § 22569. In accordance with Section 5 of Ordinance No. 97-1 ("Measure A"), which a majority of voters of the City of Claremont approved on March 4, 1997, the City Council has declared its intention to use the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County area (1982-1984=100), published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (the "CPI") to increase the assessments for Landscape and Lighting District No. LL001 for Fiscal Year 2024/25; provided, however, that such increase in assessments shall not exceed ten percent (10%). Based on the CPI, the proposed 2024/25 assessment represents a 3.36% increase over the previous year. The 2024/25 assessment is not increasing above the annual CPI adjustments that Claremont voters approved in 1997.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of May, 2025.

Mayor, City of Claremont

Attest:

City Clerk, City of Claremont

Approved as to form:



City Attorney, City of Claremont