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ATTENTION Honorable Chair and Members of the Redevelopment Agency  
Council President and Members of the San Diego City Council

SUBJECT: Installation of Streetlights in the Southcrest Redevelopment Project Area  
Districts 4 & 8

REFERENCE: Approval to transfer funds to the City Of San Diego in the amount of \$655,600 for  
the design and installation of streetlights in the Southcrest redevelopment Project  
Area on December 17, 2008.

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#### REQUESTED ACTIONS

**That the Redevelopment Agency adopts a resolution:** (1) Making the necessary findings to authorize the Agency's contribution payment to the City for design and installation of streetlights within the Southcrest Redevelopment Project Area; (2) Authorizing the Agency expenditure and transfer of funds in the amount not to exceed \$655,600 as allocated in the FY 2009 Budget, to the City of San Diego from the Southcrest FY2007 Series B Tax Allocation Bonds, Southcrest Public Improvements, Fund No. 983341 to CIP No. 52-293.0, Installation of City Owned Lights, as an increase in the FY 2009 CIP budget, contingent upon the City Comptroller certifying the availability of funds; and (3) Authorizing the Agency to accept the return of any and all funds from this allocation remaining in Fund No. 10267 if there are any cost savings, should actual costs of the improvements be less than \$655,600.

**That the City Council adopts a resolution:** (1) Making the necessary findings to accept and use the Agency's contribution payment for the City's installation of streetlights within the Southcrest Redevelopment Project Area; (2) Authorizing the Comptroller accept an Agency transfer of funds in the amount not to exceed \$655,600 to the City from the Southcrest FY2007 Series B Tax Allocation Bonds, Southcrest Public Improvements, Fund No. 983341 to CIP No. 52-293.0, Fund No. 10267, Contribution to CIP; (3) Authorizing a not to exceed \$655,600 increase in the Fiscal Year 2009 Capital Improvements Program Budget in CIP 52-293.0, Fund 10267, Contribution to CIP; (4) Authorizing the appropriation and expenditure not to exceed \$655,600 from CIP52-293.0, Fund 10267, Contribution to CIP, for installation of up to seventy three streetlights, contingent upon City comptroller certifying the availability of the funds; and (5) Authorizes the return to the Redevelopment Agency of any and all funds from this allocation remaining in Fund No. 10267 if there are any cost savings.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND THE CITY COUNCIL

That the Redevelopment Agency and the City Council approve the resolutions.

#### SUMMARY

The Southcrest Redevelopment Project Area Plan and the Southcrest Implementation Plan call for the provision of better lighting, streetscape, traffic and other public improvements. The Southeastern Economic Development

Corporation (SEDC), working with a local engineering consulting firm, has performed a needs assessment study of the existing and community proposed street lights in Southcrest.

With community input, the City Engineering and Capital Projects Department assistance, and field research, the Southeastern Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) has identified streetlights to be installed along various streets in the Southcrest Redevelopment Project Area (Attachment 1). These installation locations conform to Council Policy 200-18, Mid-Block Street Light Policy for Developed Areas.

The requested actions will allow for the installation of approximately seventy three (73) streetlights to be installed along the commercial and transit corridors as well as residential streets in the Southcrest Redevelopment Project Area. The project will include the underground utility studies, right-of-way approvals, location and utility design, trenching, utility connections, bidding, construction and all other items necessary for the installation of the streetlights. Installation of the additional streetlights will facilitate safe operation of traffic, give pedestrians a safer traveling environment, promote nighttime use of sidewalks, public transportation and commercial shopping areas, and increase citizen perception of safety from crime. The City Engineering and Capital Projects Department project cost estimates total \$655,600, and include all necessary city costs for the design and installation of the additional streetlights (Attachment 2). All streetlights installed through these actions will be owned and maintained by the City of San Diego.

#### FISCAL CONSIDERATION

Funding of the improvements from FY 2007 Southcrest Series B Tax Allocation Bond Proceeds has been included in the FY 08/09 SEDC Project Budget approved by the City Council/Agency on May 14, 2008. According to California Redevelopment Law, no Agency funds can be used toward maintenance and operations of the City owned streetlights.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This activity is categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Ste CEQA Guidelines Sections 15303 (d) and 15304 (f).

#### FINDINGS

California Community Redevelopment Law (CCRL), at California Health and Safety Code Section 33445, requires that certain findings be made by the Council and Agency prior to the expenditure of Agency funds for public facilities/improvements. Attachment 3, Findings, contains the proposed findings with respect to the expenditure of Agency funds for public improvements.

PREVIOUS AGENCY AND/OR COMMITTEE ACTION –On December 17, 2008, the SEDC Board of Directors approved the recommendation that the Agency approve the transfer of funds in the amount of up to \$655,600 for the installation of streetlights in the Southcrest Redevelopment Project Area.

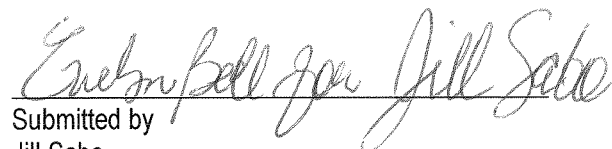
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION –SEDC participated in two community meetings on September 9, 2007, and March 13, 2008, where SEDC presented to the San Diego Organizing Project -St. Jude's Church Chapter, to solicit community input on public improvements including street lights in the Southcrest community. On June 9, 2008, SEDC presented an informational item to the Southeastern San Diego Community Planning Committee soliciting feedback for any potential improvements including streetlights. On December 10, 2008, the SEDC Projects & Development Committee approved a recommendation to the SEDC Board of Directors and on December 17, 2008, the SEDC Board of Directors unanimously approved the transfer of funds for the installation of streetlights in the Southcrest Redevelopment Project Area.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS

The key stakeholders are the current and future residents and business owners of the Southcrest community, the Southeastern San Diego Planning Committee, as well as visitors to the area.

CONCLUSION

The proposed installation of an additional 73 streetlights will provide a safer and more pedestrian-friendly environment for community members as they walk, drive, live, work, shop and play in the community.



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- Attachment 1 – Streetlights Location Map
- Attachment 2 – Southcrest Streetlights Cost Estimate
- Attachment 3 – Findings