

Attachment 3

Letter to Property Owners from Engineering & Capital Projects, dated January 4, 2006



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

January 4, 2006

Dear Property Owner:

Subject: Proposed La Jolla Mesa Vista Underground Utility District

The City of San Diego has received a property owner's request to improve your neighborhood by undergrounding the overhead utility lines. The proposed improvements would underground the overhead utility lines and replace street lights on portions of the following streets in La Jolla Mesa Vista: Candlelight Drive, Moonlight Drive and Lamplight Drive.

The request includes a petition to form a *special assessment district* to finance the improvements. One of your neighbors will be calling on you soon to request that you sign a petition approving the formation of this proposed district. Signatures of owners of seventy-five percent (75%) of the land area subject to assessment are needed before the City will consider initiating proceedings.

The City Engineer's *current total cost estimate* for the project including City staff costs, legal fees, assessment engineering fees and incidental costs in connection therewith, is approximately \$1,011,189. The amount to be financed by the proposed assessment district after City contribution is estimated to be \$631,189. The cost estimate is based on preliminary analysis and is subject to increase in an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) or decrease thereafter without any new petition being circulated or required. If the district is formed, each parcel of land will be assessed its fair share of the cost based on the amount of benefit received from the improvements, as determined by an Assessment Engineering Consultant. Please note that any cost to hook up new service from a structure on the property to the new underground line is over and above any assessment cost, and will be the sole responsibility of the property owners.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (619) 533-3777.

Sincerely,

Nathan Bruner
Underground Program Manager
Engineering and Capital Projects

cc: Mark Blake, City Attorney's Office
Chuck Wilcox, Financing Services



