

ORDINANCE NO. 182555

An Ordinance of Intention to establish a Property and Business Improvement District to be known as the "Fashion District Business Improvement District" pursuant to the Provisions of the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994 (Division 18, Part 7, Streets and Highways Code, State of California) and to levy assessments.

WHEREAS, the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994 authorizes cities to establish Property and Business Improvement Districts for the purpose of levying assessments on real property for certain purposes; and

WHEREAS, property owners in the Fashion District business community who will pay more than 50 percent of the total amount of assessments to be levied, have filed written petitions requesting that the City Council establish a district to be named the Fashion District Business Improvement District.

NOW THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. DECLARATION. Pursuant to the provisions of Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994, Section 36600 *et seq.*, of the Streets and Highways Code (Act), the City Council declares its intention to consider the establishment of a Property and Business Improvement District to be named the Fashion District Business Improvement District (District).

Sec. 2. ADOPTION OF ENGINEER'S REPORT AND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PLAN. The City Council hereby adopts, approves and confirms the Engineer's Report and the Management District Plan included in Council File No. 13-0641.

Sec. 3. PARCELS WITHIN THE DISTRICT. The City Council hereby affirms its finding that all parcels, which will have a special benefit conferred upon them and upon which an assessment will be imposed, are identified in the Management District Plan.

Sec. 4. PROPORTIONAL BENEFIT. The City Council hereby reaffirms that the assessment proposed to be imposed on each parcel does not exceed the reasonable cost of the proportional benefit conferred on that parcel.

Sec. 5. SEPARATION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL BENEFITS. The City Council hereby affirms that it has separated the general benefits, if any, from the special benefits conferred on each parcel.

Sec. 6. ASSESSMENTS SUPPORTED BY ENGINEER'S REPORT. The City Council hereby affirms that all proposed assessments are supported by a detailed engineer's report prepared by a registered professional engineer certified by the state of California.

Sec. 7. DISTRICT BOUNDARIES. The City Council hereby declares that the boundaries of the proposed District are as detailed in the Management District Plan. The proposed Fashion District area consists of approximately 90 blocks located in the southern central portion of downtown Los Angeles bounded on the west by Main Street, Broadway and Spring Street; on the North by 8th Street, 7th Street, 6th Street and 9th Street; on the east by San Pedro Street, Towne Avenue, Stanford Avenue, Griffith Street and Paloma Street; and on the south by 17th Street and 18th Street. All property within the approximate boundaries described above are included in the proposed District.

There are 1,990 parcels owned by 1,167 stakeholders in the proposed District. The map included in the District's Management District Plan gives sufficient detail to locate each parcel of property within the proposed District.

Sec. 8. IMPROVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES. The City Council hereby declares that the proposed activities and improvements to be funded by the levy of assessments on property within the District are detailed in the Management District Plan. They include, but are not limited to, clean and safe programs, communication, management and administration.

Sec. 9. ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS AND DURATION. The District's total assessment for five (5) years is estimated to be \$20,168,912. The District's total annual assessment for the first year is estimated to be \$3,677,309. Annual assessments for subsequent years may be adjusted by a percentage rate not to exceed a maximum of four percent (4%) to be determined by the Owners' Association, not to exceed four percent of the previous year's rate with the exception of the Santee Alley Overlay Zones which may be adjusted by a percentage rate not to exceed a maximum of eight percent (8%) to be determined by the Owners' Association, not to exceed eight percent of the previous year's rate. It is proposed that the District be established for a five (5) year period. The District will not issue bonds.

Sec. 10. COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS. The City Council hereby declares that to the extent possible, assessments shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as County ad valorem property taxes and shall be subject to all laws providing for the collection and enforcement of assessments. For properties that do not appear on the County tax rolls or for assessments for any years in which the City is unable to transmit the assessment information to the County in sufficient time for the County to collect the assessments with the County ad valorem property taxes, the City Clerk may bill and collect the assessments by mailing assessment notices (Statement of Assessment Due) to each property owner within the District at the address shown on

City records. Assessments billed by the City Clerk are due 45 calendar days after the Statement of Assessment Due.

Sec. 11. NOTICE, PROTESTS AND HEARING PROCEDURES. The City Clerk shall follow the notice, protest, and hearing procedures prescribed in the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act (California Government Code, Section 53750 *et seq.*).

Sec. 12. PUBLIC HEARING. The City Council will hold a public hearing to determine whether to establish the District and levy assessments on JUL 23 2013 at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as City Council business permits, and on any hours and days for continued hearing as ordered by the City Council, in the John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340, City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. At the hearing, all interested persons will be permitted to present written or oral testimony, and the City Council will consider all objections or protests to the proposed assessment.

Sec. 13. NOTICE TO RECORD OWNERS. The City Clerk shall give notice of the public hearing, in the manner specified in Government Code Section 53753, to the record owner of each parcel subject to the levy of an assessment. The notice shall be given at least 45 days before the public hearing date and shall specify that the public hearing will be to determine whether the City Council will establish the District and levy assessments.

Sec. 14. TABULATION OF ASSESSMENT BALLOTS. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Clerk shall tabulate all assessment ballots that have been submitted and not withdrawn. To be included in the tabulation, assessment ballots must be received by the City Clerk either at the address indicated in the notice required by Government Code Section 53753 or at the site of the public hearing prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. The City Clerk will certify the results of the tabulation to the City Council during its meeting on JUL 24 2013 at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as City Council business permits, in the John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340, City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.


Sec. 15. MAJORITY PROTEST. If there is a majority protest against the imposition of the assessment, the City Council will not impose the assessment. A majority protest will exist if the assessment ballots submitted, and not withdrawn, in opposition to the proposed assessment exceed the assessment ballots submitted, and not withdrawn, in its favor, weighting those assessment ballots by the amount of the proposed assessment to be imposed upon the identified parcel for which each assessment ballot was submitted.

Sec. 16. AMENDMENT TO ENABLING STATUTE. The properties and businesses within the District established by this Ordinance shall be subject to any amendments to the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994 (Division 18, Part 7, Streets and Highways Code, State of California).

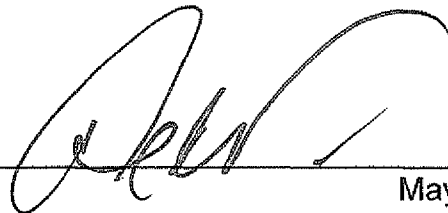
Sec. 17. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was introduced at the meeting of the Council of the City of Los Angeles MAY 31 2013, and was passed at its meeting of JUN 4 2013.

JUNE LAGMAY, City Clerk

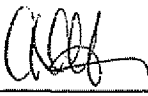
By 
Deputy

Approved JUN 04 2013


Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legality

CARMEN A. TRUTANICH, City Attorney

By  **CHRISTY NUMANO-HIURA**
Deputy City Attorney

Date 5-24-13

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