

April 16, 2013

The Honorable Mitch Englander  
Councilmember, District 12  
City Hall Office  
200 N Spring Street, Rm 405  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Mitch Englander:

Re: Council File No. CF13-1300-51  
Proposed Three Billion Dollar Street Repair Tax  
on May ballot by Councilmembers M. Englander and J. Busciano

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It is critical that the taxpayers have complete analysis, disclosure, and transparency of:

- Total Tax and Fee dollars L.A. City received annually before the 2008 Economic Down Turn and dollars designated for street paving maintenance from:
  - property
  - gas
  - all purchases
  - Federal
  - State
  - Fees from multiple services
- What plan is in place, for each district, defining overall paving maintenance and dates for all streets? Is a log kept on all streets and priorities set?

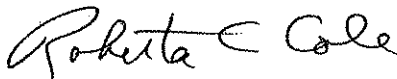
Los Angeles has had a history of having the worst maintained paved streets in the United States for many years before the Economic Down Turn. This is somewhat incongruent since California is in 7th place as a great economic producer in the world.

There are multiple critical financial pressures impacting taxpayers on a daily basis. The increase in food prices, shifting gas prices, health care and education costs, persistent unemployment, and stagnation on wages are a heavy burden.

The timing for more taxation is counterproductive. The need for now, is an in-depth analysis of the Street Paving Maintenance Services to assess the overall situation and determine efficiency and priorities with the current budget. When the economy improves, the budget will increase accordingly.

Thank you for considering these recommendations.

Sincerely,



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cc: Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council, and Shadow Hills Property Owners Association