

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
REPORT relative to creating a Rule 20A underground wiring district in Council District 14
pursuant to Ordinance No. 145148.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Huizar - Koretz):

1. DIRECT the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to prepare for consideration a study detailing the feasibility of creating a Rule 20A underground wiring district in the area bounded by the 101 Freeway on the east, 7th Street on the south, 4th Street on the north, and Mateo Street on the west.
2. DIRECT the DPW and the LADWP to report in regard to a phasing plan in order to implement the proposed underground wiring district as detailed above in Recommendation No. 1.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 1, 2017, your Committee considered a Motion (Huizar - Koretz) relative to creating a Rule 20A underground wiring district in Council District 14 pursuant to Ordinance No. 145148. According to the Motion, the City is currently constructing the new Sixth Street Viaduct between Boyle Heights and the Arts District in Downtown Los Angeles. As part of the project, the City will be constructing a new 12-acre \$29 million park below the bridge, as well as \$25 million in multimodal connections from the surrounding neighborhoods to the new park. The existing infrastructure on both sides of the bridge has been designed for industrial uses, not high pedestrian volumes. Sidewalks and pedestrian lighting do not exist, and these and other significant infrastructure upgrades are needed to create a safe, and accessible public space.

Currently, many overhead power lines crisscross the site and should be relocated so that they do not interfere with the usable park space and to reduce visual blight for this 12 acre public park. Other power poles could provide an impediment for direct access to the park for the neighboring residents. In order to provide the maximum public benefit and to maximize public safety and accessibility, creating an underground utility district adjacent to the bridge is necessary.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommend approval of the Motion as detailed in the above recommendations. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.


Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MARTINEZ:	YES
KORETZ:	ABSENT
KREKORIAN:	YES
CEDILLO:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES

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