

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL) contract with SCI Consulting Group for a detailed plan for the Los Angeles City Lighting District Ballot Proceeding.

Recommendation for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the President, Board of Public Works, or designee, to execute the proposed personal services contract between the BSL and SCI Consulting Group in the amount of \$183,461, and for a term of four months, for a detailed plan for the Los Angeles City Lighting District ballot proceeding, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that this action will not impact the General Fund. Funds were appropriated in Fiscal Year 2014-15 in the Street Lighting Maintenance Assessment Fund for the BSL to conduct an assessment district analysis. This action is in compliance with City financial policies in that budgeted funds are available to support this expenditure.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

### SUMMARY

In report to the Mayor dated June 8, 2015, the CAO states that the Board of Public Works, on behalf of BSL, requests authority to award and execute a four-month personal services contract with SCI Consulting Group for a detailed plan for Los Angeles City Lighting District Ballot Proceeding. The plan will provide a road map for the City to best prepare a Ballot Proceeding to include an inflationary index on approximately 500,000 parcels. The plan will include a feasibility study of conducting a ballot measure to the public, public outreach and a survey to inform property owners of the assessments and the needs for an increase, legal requirements, an effective approach for mailing out the ballot assessments for over 500,000 parcels, and contingency plans if the ballot measure fails. The CAO recommends that Council approve the Board's request.

The CAO explains that Proposition 218 Right to Vote on Taxes Act changed the City's ability to levy assessments on benefitting property owners. It required local governments to conduct a voter approval process on benefitting property owners for any proposed increased in assessments before it can be levied. Current assessments collected by the City are not sufficient to support BSL's cost to operate and maintain the street lighting system. In order for the Bureau to maintain the current level of services, the assessments for pre-Proposition 218 districts have to be adjusted closer to the special benefit that is conferred on that property owner.

At its meeting held August 10, 2015, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee recommended that Council authorize the Board of Public Works to execute the proposed contract, as recommended by the CAO.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
BUSCAINO:	YES
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT
PRICE:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
RYU:	YES

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