

Title: Motion to support letter to CM Bonin re: City Street Light Policy
Item No. _____
Meeting date: 08/06/19
Agendized by:
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Committee Vote (if appropriate): Governmental Affairs
Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Neighborhood Council? ___ Yes ___X___ No
Additional documents attached? ___X___ Yes ___ No

RECOMMENDATION:

The Governmental Affairs Committee of NCWP proposes a letter be sent to pertinent City Departments requesting a review of existing procedures for obtaining street lights in residential areas where they do not exist. The request is specifically to study updating, simplifying and making the process more achievable.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Currently, residents who are interested in obtaining residential streetlights must go through a three-step process consisting of a petition, a questionnaire and a Prop. 218 vote. BSL must receive signatures from 70% of homeowners during the petition process to proceed to the next two phases that requires a simple majority to create a new street lighting district. If all three levels are passed, homeowners are assessed a one-time fee of between \$4,000-8,000 that allows BSL to install the lights and then an annual maintenance fee on their property tax bill of about \$100. This process is compounded by the problem of obtaining signatures from absentee landlords, some of whom live out of state.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Costs should be limited to staff time used in reviewing, updating and streamlining the current process with the intent of making it more successful.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft of letter

MOTION:

That the Neighborhood Council:

Approve the letter to request that the process to obtain streetlights on residential streets be reviewed and streamlined. (GA)