

**CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: June 21, 2010

Reviewed by: **BP**

Subject: Intention to Order Improvements and Levy Assessments in Assessment District No. 1988-1 and Assessment District No. 1996-1 for the 2010/11 and 2011/12 Fiscal Years, and Set a Public Hearing for July 6, 2010 on the proposed assessments.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

1. Approve Resolution #2010-29 - A Resolution of Intention to Order Improvements and Levy Assessments in Assessment District No. 1988-1 for the 2010/11 Fiscal Year (Pursuant to the Landscaping & Lighting Act of 1972), set a public hearing for July 6, 2010 on the proposed assessments; and
2. Approve Resolution #2010-30 – A Resolution of Intention to Order Improvements and Levy Assessments in Assessment District No. 1996-1 for the 2010/11 Fiscal Year (Pursuant to the Landscaping & Lighting Act of 1972), and set a public hearing for July 6, 2010 on the proposed assessments.

**BACKGROUND**

Last years' Landscape and Lighting Assessment District (LLAD) budgets were adopted for a two-year period for planning purposes. However, pursuant to state law, for actual assessment purposes, the attached resolutions apply only to the upcoming fiscal year.

**Landscaping & Lighting Assessment District No. 1988-1**

In 1988 the City Council established a Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District (No. 1988-1). By state law, on an annual basis the Council must pass a Resolution of Intention to order improvements and levy assessments in the assessment district. At this meeting, staff recommends that the City Council approve the Resolution of Intention.

The proposed FY 2010/11 and 2011/12 assessment for a detached single-family residential parcel is \$75.54. This amount is the same as was levied last year. Assessments for other parcels of land are based on benefit as determined by the Assessment District engineer.

The majority of the funds will go toward maintaining Albany's existing lighting and landscaping infrastructure including the City's street medians, Ohlone Greenway, and urban forestry. In 2009/10 and 2010/11, the projected expenditures of a number of line items have been reduced to achieve a balanced budget. For 2009/10 through 2011/12, Community Center Maintenance has been removed from the LLAD 1988-1 budget.

No hearings were held this year with the Park and Recreation Commission on District No. 1988-1 because no excess funding will be available this year for discretionary use. However, it is anticipated that discretionary funds may be available when the 1997 Certificate of Participation Bonds are paid off in August 2012.

Parts A, the description of improvements and Part B, the Cost Estimate of the Engineer's Report for LLAD 1988-1 for the 2010/11 FY is attached.

#### Lighting and Landscaping District No. 1996-1

In 1996 the City Council established Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 1996-1 (Measure R) which provides funds for open space, ballfields and creek restoration. By state law on an annual basis, the Council must pass a Resolution of Intention to order improvements and levy annual assessments in this assessment district. In recent years Measure R has provided supplemental funding for Codornices Creek restoration and park improvement projects. Parts A, the description of improvements and Part B, the Cost Estimate of the Engineer's Report for LLAD 1988-1, FY 2010/11 is attached.

The proposed 2010/11 and 2011/12 FY assessment for a detached single-family residential parcel is \$69. This amount is the same as was levied last year. Assessments for other parcels of land are based on benefit as determined by the Assessment District engineer.

#### Public Hearing for Districts No. 1988-1 and 1996-1

On May 3, 2010, the Council approved Resolutions #2010-20 and #2010-21 directing Leptien, Cronin, Cooper, Morris & Poore, Inc., Engineer of Record, to prepare and file the annual report for each of these respective districts. These annual reports, including the diagram of the district and the assessment roll, are on file with the City Clerk. Approval of Resolution #2010-29 and #2010-30 sets July 6, 2010 as the date when the City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed assessment.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

None.

#### Attachments

Resolution #2010-29

Resolution #2010-30

Engineer's Reports (Parts A and B) LLAD 1988-1 and LLAD 1996-1 (Measure R)