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Meeting of January 8, 2008

1. Item # 16 Land-Curtis Park Street Lighting Assessment District No. 2007-04

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- a. Correspondence
 - 1. Vivian Monteiro
 - 2. Craig K. Powell

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Sacramento City Hall
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January 3, 2008

RE. **LAND-CURTIS PARK STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 2007-04**

By requirement of Balloting Procedures [Section 12], I am filing a written protest to the proposed **LAND-CURTIS PARK STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT No. 2007-04**. I protest the assessment on the following grounds:

1. The cost allocation criteria erroneously calculates individual parcel cost allocation based on fallacious Benefit Factors [Section 4]
2. The Assessment Balloting Procedure is disproportional and weighted in favor of the property owners who have proposed the assessment. The devised voting system allows the majority more votes.
3. The entire voting Special Assessment District has not been privy to all cost projections or options for alternative lighting, i.e.: solar paneled light fixtures or funding options.
4. The proposal as set forth has not accurately surveyed the parcels to be included, in that some parcels included are in a semi commercial areas and will not benefit from decorative lightning as community ambience. These areas do not follow the norm of the Park areas walking thoroughfares, therefore less expensive alternate lighting fixtures should be assessed or these area should not be included.

Respectfully,

V F Monteiro January 3, 2008

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Street Light Tax Overwhelmingly Defeated!

(<http://stopstreetlightmadness.blogspot.com/2008/01/street-light-tax-overwhelmingly.html>)

We won!! The street light assessment tax has been resoundingly defeated by the voters of Curtis and Land Parks. With 62% of all votes counted as of 7:00 p.m. this evening, a stunning 82% of voters had voted "No" and just 18% voted "Yes." After a contentious City Council hearing at which a dozen property owners expressed their opposition to the tax and a smaller handful expressed support, City tabulators worked into the night to come to a final tally.

Coalition members appeared and delivered 220 tea bags to the City Council symbolizing the projected 220 newer homeowners who were deprived of their right to vote in this election. Members of the Coalition also wore tea bags pinned to their shirts in solidarity with the missing voters.

Disappointingly, the two Council members for our area, Robert Fong and Lauren Hammond, reiterated their support for the proposal and found nothing objectionable with the high amount of the assessment, the high cost of the lights, the deplorable timing of the election or with the deeply flawed election procedures used by the City. Ms Hammond even derisively referred to measure opponents as "little protesters" who had been "mised" into opposing the tax.

Well, the "little protestors," as Ms. Hammond refers to them, rejected the measure with 708 voters voting "No" and just 155 voters casting "Yes" votes (with 38% of the vote left to be counted). Equally astounding was the extremely high turnout for the election. A full 66% of the eligible voters in this election (not counting the 220 illegally excluded by the City) cast ballots in this election - well over double the typical turnout in a special election. Considering that the election was also held in the middle of the busy holiday season, the turnout percentage is almost unprecedented.

The people of Land Park and Curtis Park have finally spoken. This is a result that will likely reverberate around City Hall and, indeed, around the City for a long time to come.

Congratulations to all volunteers, walkers, callers, mailers and, most of all, to all of the voters. Despite the distractions of the holidays and the roadblock thrown up by the City in this election, you made sure your voices were heard. We salute you!

See the Blog of the Land/Curtis Park Coalition to Stop the Streetlight Madness for the latest information on the issue and the election, including statements made by the Coalition to the City Council: _Coalition to Stop the Street Light Madness_ (<http://stopstreetlightmadness.blogspot.com/>)

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