



## REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**June 24, 2008**

**Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council**

**Title: Neighborhood Lighting District – Public Hearing**

**Location/Council District:** The district includes 3 separate neighborhoods: Youngs Heights, Council District 2; Swanston Estates, Council District 3; and Colonial Heights, Council District 5 and District 6. (Attachment 3, Page 5)

**Recommendation:** Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a **Resolution** confirming diagram and assessment, and levying assessment for Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2008/09 for the Neighborhood Lighting District (“District”).

**Contact:** Brian Wong, Program Specialist, (916) 808-5778; Mark Griffin, Fiscal Manager, (916) 808-8788

**Presenters:** Brian Wong

**Department:** Planning Department

**Division:** Public Improvement Financing

**Organization No:** 4915

### **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** The District is required by the California Streets and Highways Code to present an annual budget to City Council for approval. Approval of the annual budget will authorize the City to collect assessments in the amount sufficient to provide funding for maintenance of the neighborhood lighting in this District for FY2008/09.

**Policy Considerations:** The annual proceedings for this District are being processed as set forth in the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, California Streets and Highways Code sections 22500, et seq. This process is consistent with the City’s Strategic Plan 3-Year Goal to “achieve sustainability and enhance livability.”

**Environmental Considerations:** Under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, annual proceedings of a Special District do not constitute a project, and are therefore exempt from review.

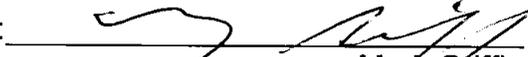
**Committee/Commission:** None

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The actions in the recommended Resolution are required by the California Streets and Highways Code, as set forth in Section 22500 of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, for annual proceedings of an existing district.

**Financial Considerations:** The estimated total maintenance cost for the three neighborhoods is \$49,208. The cost for each neighborhood as well as a breakdown of cost per single-family lot is provided in Exhibit B (page 9). The District has surplus funds available to cover the deficit. The proposed increase in the annual assessment is 2.8% which is the maximum allowed in the District. The costs are detailed in the Engineer's Report on file with the City Clerk. The maintenance district is self-supporting and has no impact on the General Fund.

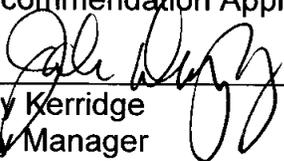
Formal amendment to the City's FY 2008/09 budget will be brought under separate action after adoption of the Citywide budget.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** City Council approval of these proceedings is not affected by City policy related to the ESBD Program.

Respectfully Submitted by:   
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Fiscal Manager, Planning Department

Approved by:   
Carol Shearly  
Director, Planning Department

Recommendation Approved:

  
Ray Kerridge  
City Manager

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## BACKGROUND

On October 22, 1996, City Council approved formation of the Neighborhood Lighting District No. 96-07 ("District") (Resolution No. 96-577) for the Swanston Estates neighborhood. The District provides an affordable means to provide neighborhood lights by placing SMUD lights on wood poles. Two other neighborhoods, Youngs Heights and Colonial Heights, have since annexed to the District.

The District services include the annual energy cost and maintenance of neighborhood lights installed on wood poles, and the district administration and billing costs. A provision was included to mitigate cost increases based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), San Francisco area, all items, provided that this increase does not exceed three percent (3%) in any year. Since the February 2008 CPI was 2.8% the annual assessments will be increased 2.8%. The annual assessment for a typical single-family lot in each neighborhood will be \$25.34.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, staff will recommend Council adopt the District budget and levy the assessments.

The total cost to property owners in FY2008/09 is projected at \$41,202.

The table below reflects the assessment to property owners and the offset needed from available surplus funds. Available surplus funds are projected to be \$40,184 at the beginning of FY08/09. The second table shows the proposed assessment to the average parcel in the District.

| FY07/08 Assessed | FY08/09 Budget | Offset from Projected Surplus | FY08/09 Assessed |
|------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| \$40,080         | \$49,208       | (\$8,006)                     | \$41,202         |

| Parcel              | Maximum Authorized | FY07/08 | FY08/09 |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|
| Average Residential | \$25.34            | \$24.65 | \$25.34 |

**SCHEDULE OF PROCEEDINGS**

**NEIGHBORHOOD LIGHTING DISTRICT  
FY2008/09 SCHEDULE**

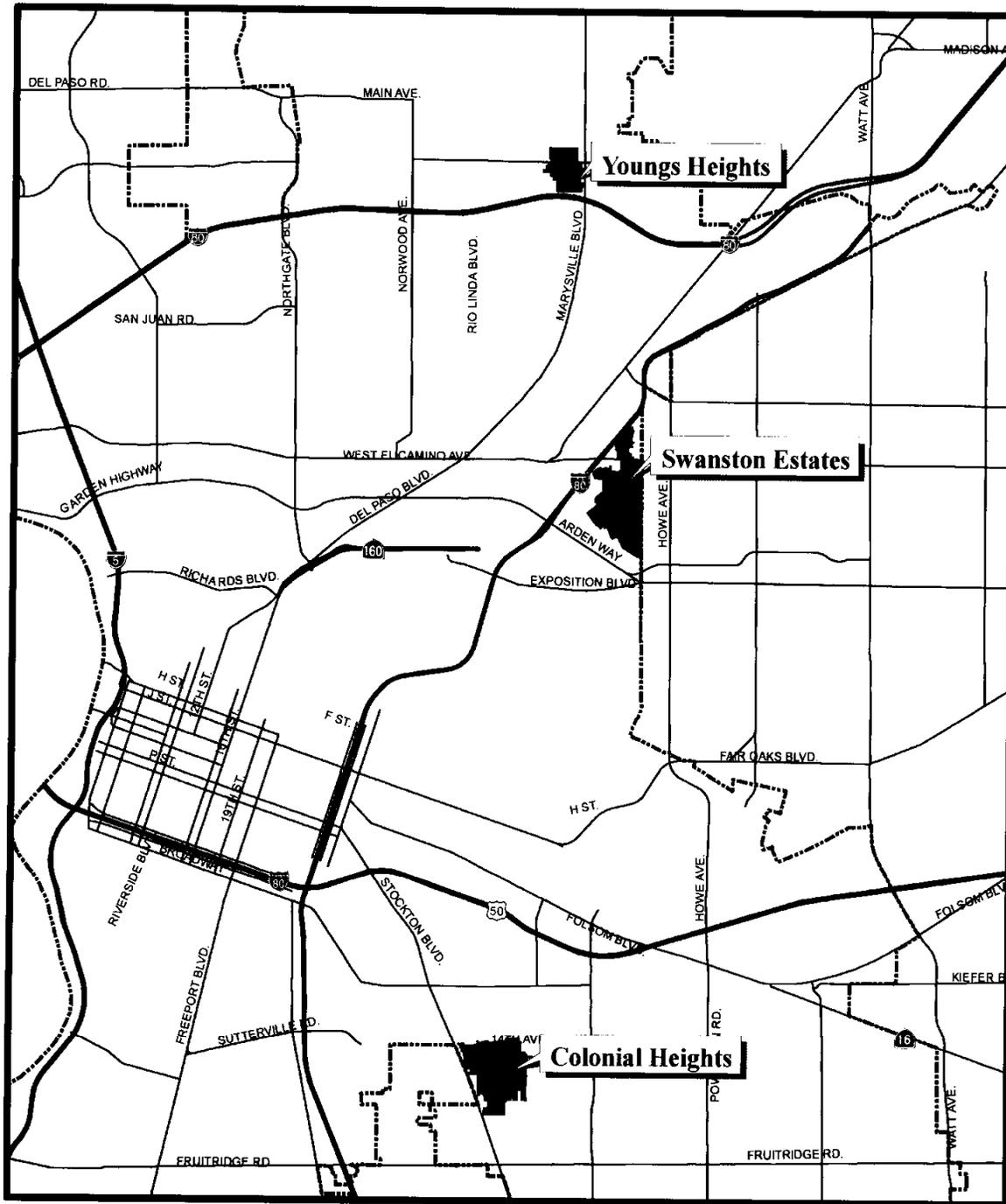
May 27, 2008 Council Considers Resolution of Intention and Sets Date for Public Hearing

May 28, 2008 Publish Notice of Meeting and Hearing

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| <b>June 24, 2008</b> | <b>Hold Public Hearing<br/>Council Orders Annual Levy</b> |
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July 2008 Assessments to County for Placement on Tax Roll

# Neighborhood Lighting District 96-07



 City Boundary  
 District Boundary

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## **RESOLUTION NO.**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

### **CONFIRMING DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT AND LEVYING ASSESSMENT FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD LIGHTING DISTRICT (FY 2008/09) (Pursuant to Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972)**

#### **BACKGROUND**

- A. The Neighborhood Lighting District ("District"), as depicted in Exhibit A, was established by the City Council and approved by the property owners on October 22, 1996.
- B. The City Council established the District under the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 (part 2 of division 15 in the Streets and Highways Code, beginning with section 22500) ("the 1972 Act"), and has previously levied assessments on property in the District to pay for operation and maintenance of neighborhood street lights on wood poles and related services to be provided within the District, all in accordance with the 1972 Act.
- C. Pursuant to Chapter 3 of the 1972 Act, City Council directed the Supervising Engineer of the Department of Transportation, as the Engineer of Work for the District, to prepare and file an Annual Report for the Fiscal Year 2008/09.
- D. The Engineer of Work filed the Annual Report on May 27, 2008, and City Council adopted a Resolution approving the Engineer's Annual Report and Intention to levy and collect assessments within the assessment district for Fiscal Year 2008/09 and set a public hearing for June 24, 2008, in the meeting place of City Council Chambers, City Hall, 915 I Street, First Floor, Sacramento, California. Notice of the hearing was given in the time and manner required by law.
- E. For some subdivisions within the District, this year's assessments are an increase from the previous year, but assessments for all subdivisions within the District are at or below the highest authorized amount for this district shown on Exhibit B.
- F. The Council is fully advised in this matter.

#### **BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The City Council finds and determines that the background statements A through F are true and correct.

**Section 2.** The City Council:

- a) confirms the assessment diagram and the assessment roll set forth in the Engineer's Annual Report; and
- b) levies the assessment set forth in the Engineer's Annual Report.

**Section 3.** Exhibits A and B are part of this resolution.

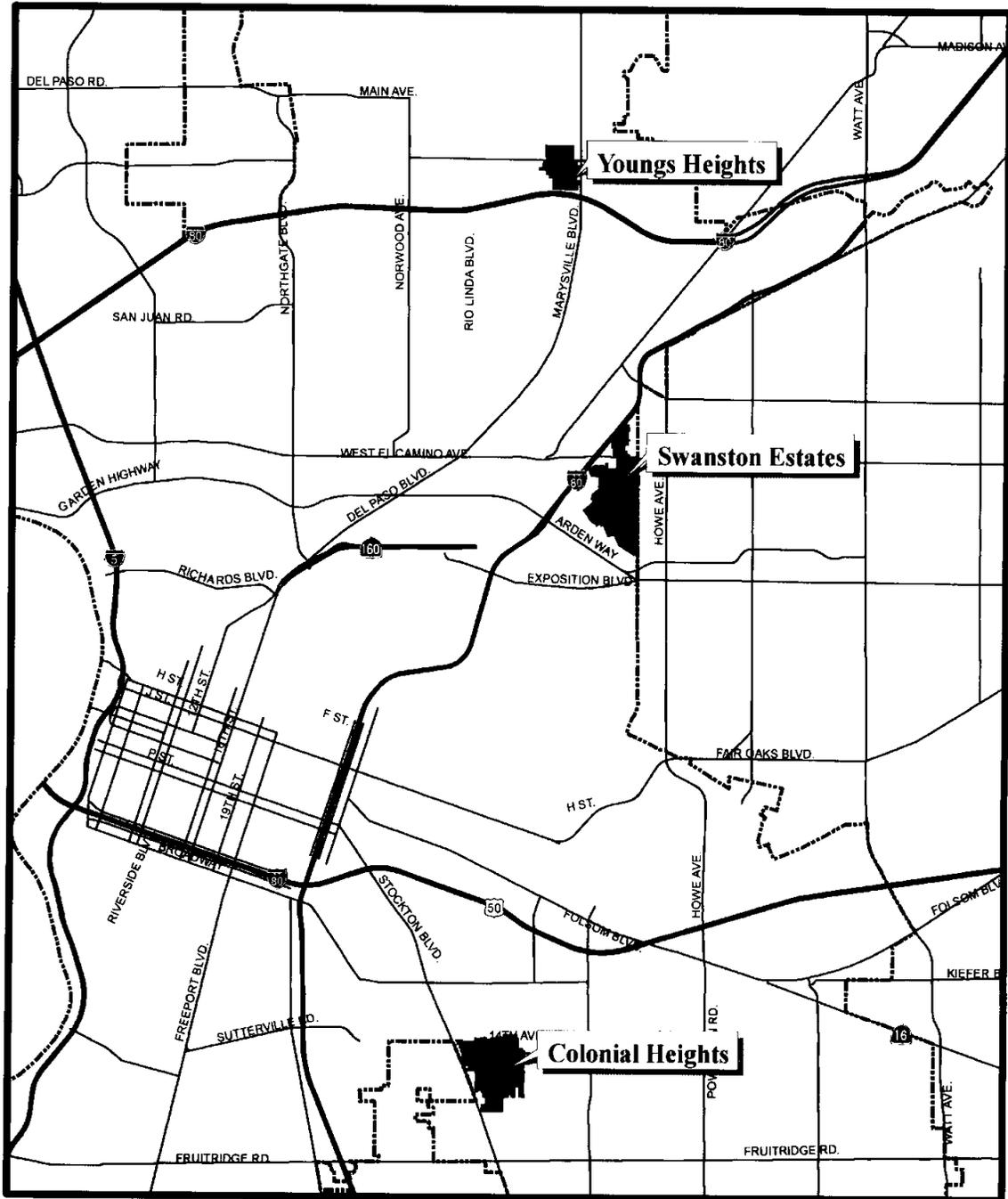
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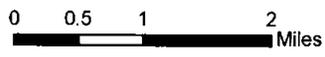
Exhibit B: FY2008/09 Neighborhood & Parcel Assessment -1 Page

EXHIBIT A

Neighborhood Lighting District 96-07



 City Boundary  
 District Boundary



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**EXHIBIT B**

**NEIGHBORHOOD LIGHTING DISTRICT  
NEIGHBORHOOD AND PARCEL ASSESSMENTS**

The cost for each individual neighborhood is as follows:

| Neighborhood     | FY2008/09<br>Budget | Surplus/<br>(deficit) | FY2008/09<br>Assessed |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Swanston Estates | \$24,925            | (\$6,852)             | \$18,073              |
| Youngs Heights   | 5,371               | (\$1,844)             | 3,527                 |
| Colonial Heights | 18,912              | 690                   | 19,602                |

The following is a breakdown of the average cost per single-family lot in each neighborhood with less than 100 feet of frontage.

| Neighborhood     | # of Lots | Maximum<br>Authorized | FY2007/08 | FY2008/09 |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Swanston Estates | 694       | \$25.34               | \$24.65   | \$25.34   |
| Youngs Heights   | 125       | 25.34                 | 24.65     | 25.34     |
| Colonial Heights | 749       | 25.34                 | 24.65     | 25.34     |