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DPW Order No: 182703

DIRECTOR'S DECISION REGARDING 4TERRA'S REQUEST TO CREATE AN UNDERGROUND DISTRICT ALONG RINGOLD ALLEY FROM 8TH STREET TO 9TH STREET

APPLICANT: 4TERRA
95 Federal Street, Suite D
San Francisco, Ca 94107

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: UNDERGROUND DISTRICT ALONG RINGOLD ALLEY

BACKGROUND:

1. The Western South of Market Neighborhood Market Transportation Plan, adopted by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority Board in March 2012, recommended the implementation of a "shared street" design, which incorporates the development of an underground district along Ringold Alley
2. On **June 18, 2014**, Department of Public Works ("DPW") Hearing Officer **Debra Temple** conducted a hearing on the proposal to create an underground district along Ringold Alley.
3. At the hearing, Lynn Fong, DPW, stated that the undergrounding of utility facilities within this underground district is in the general public interest because it will eliminate a heavy concentration of overhead wires. She indicated that the creation of an underground district would require utility companies who currently have overhead utilities along Ringold Alley to underground their facilities, subject to an appropriate design. Furthermore, all properties that currently receive utility services overhead will also need to upgrade their building or residence in order to receive utility services underground.
4. At the hearing, **Mr. Amir Massih, 4TERRA**, presented a brief description of the project along Ringold including the development of commercial, retail, residential property, and a public park.
5. At the hearing, Ms. Sunny Angulo, Legislative Aide for Supervisor Kim, stated that Supervisor Kim supports the project including the undergrounding because it would create a shared street. Ms. Angulo indicated that the LGBT community also supports the project.
6. At the hearing, one member of the community testified at the hearing to express concern about the impact the construction will have on traffic and parking.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE the proposal to create an underground district along Ringold Alley between 8th Street and 9th Street is in the general public interest because it will eliminate a heavy concentration of overhead wires.



The Director of Public Works has reviewed the Hearing Officer's recommendation. The Director of Public Works hereby adopts the hearing officer's recommendation.

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