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Public Works Order No: 300232

DIRECTOR'S DECISION REGARDING HEARING TO CONSIDER THE INTENT TO UNDERGROUND UTILITIES ALONG HOMESTEAD STREET (BETWEEN 24th STREET and 25th STREET) USING PROPERTY-OWNER FUNDING.

APPLICANT: Ernie Beffel on behalf of Homestead Neighborhood Committee

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: Legislation of Underground Utility Project along Homestead Street (between 24th Street and 25th Street)

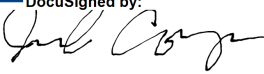
BACKGROUND:

1. On April 14 , 2026, the Homestead Neighborhood Committee ("Committee"), consisting of property owners along Homestead Street, between 24th Street and 25th Street, represented by Ernie Beffel, requested a Public Hearing to provide notice of intent to convert overhead utility wires to underground facilities, per California Public Utilities Commission Rule 20B.
2. The Committee provided verified signed petitions to Public Works demonstrating that 60% of property owners along Homestead Street (between 24th Street and 25th Street) agree to pay all costs associated with construction of underground utilities, including design and engineering fees, through a property tax assessment.
3. The Committee provided notice that notifications of intention to underground utilities and of Public Hearing date was sent by mail to all fronting property addresses within 300' radius.
4. On July 22, 2026, Department of Public Works Hearing Officer Sandro Burgos conducted a hearing on the proposal to create an underground utilities project along Homestead Street, between 24th Street and 25th Street, as preliminary step towards property-owner funding of the block.
5. At the hearing Ernie Beffel provided a description of the overhead utility facilities along Homestead Street, between 24th Street and 25th Street, cited aesthetic and safety reasons for wishing to convert to underground facilities.
6. Legislative Aide to District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, Renil Bejoy, stated at the hearing that Supervisor Mandelman was in support of the Committee's intention to underground.
7. Public Works representative, Nahel Simon also confirmed receipt of multiple emails from residents along Homestead Street, with a strong majority in support of this undergrounding request.
8. Committee agrees to provide Board of Supervisors with total project cost estimates if Public Works approves and forwards application to Board of Supervisors for legislation.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve proposal to underground the utilities along Homestead Street, between 24th Street and 25th Street.

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

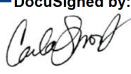
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