

November 3, 2021

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

## CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH CITY COUNCIL

## Proposed Underground Utility District AD 2021-3 (Fairview/La Brea)

The Laguna Beach City Council will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue, regarding a proposal to form an assessment district to underground existing overhead utilities at Fairview Street, La Brea Street, and portions of the surrounding neighborhood. The City Council will be considering a request by property owners to establish a preliminary boundary for an assessment district and to begin design of underground utility systems. You are receiving this notice because your property is located within the proposed assessment district. A map of the proposed boundary is on the reverse side of this notice.

Following design of the underground system, an assessment district requires an official vote of property owners within the proposed assessment district, whereby if more than 50% of the ballots cast, weighted by assessment amount, are in favor of forming an assessment district, the project would proceed into construction. If an assessment district is ultimately formed, all properties within the district would be assessed a proportionate share of the cost of undergrounding based on the benefits realized by each property. The assessments are typically funded by the sale of bonds that are paid off by the property owners over a period of 15 years. Property owners who have existing overhead connections would also be required to pay the cost to convert the connection to an underground system. The official vote for an assessment district would occur in about three years at which time the amount of all assessments would be available.

If you would like more information regarding the City's utility undergrounding process, please contact Pierre Sawaya, Project Manager, at (949) 497-0751, or at <a href="mailto:psawaya@lagunabeachcity.net">psawaya@lagunabeachcity.net</a>. Information regarding the City's assessment district formation process and policy is also available on the City's website at the following link:

 $\underline{https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/pw/uu/undergroundprocess.htm}$ 

The City Council agenda report for this item will be available in the City Clerk's office by Thursday afternoon, November 11, 2021 or on the City's website at the following link: <a href="https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/citygov/cityclerk/mam.htm">https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/citygov/cityclerk/mam.htm</a>

You are invited to attend this meeting in person, by phone, or via Zoom to comment on the proposed project. Instructions for remotely joining the meeting can be found on the City website.

## Proposed Assessment District No. 2021-3



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