

## **RESOLUTION NO. 11611**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE REGARDING LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS 86-2 (SANTIAGO HILLS) & 15-1 (SANTIAGO HILLS OVERLAY) DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; SET A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON THE FOREGOING MATTERS; AND GIVE PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THE CERTIFIED ENGINEER'S REPORTS FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS 86-2 (SANTIAGO HILLS) & 15-1 (SANTIAGO HILLS OVERLAY)**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Orange previously formed City of Orange Landscape Maintenance Districts No. 86-2 & 15-1 (hereinafter "Maintenance Districts") and desires to initiate proceedings for the levy of annual increased assessments in connection with the Maintenance Districts, pursuant to the provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2 of Division 15 of the Streets and Highways Code of California, beginning with Section 22500 (hereinafter the "Act"), Government Code Section 53753 and the provisions of the article 13D of the California Constitution (hereinafter "Article 13D") and such constitutional provisions and statutes are referred to collectively as the "Applicable Law;" and

**WHEREAS**, there has now been presented to the City Council the Certified Engineer's Reports (hereinafter "Reports") as required by the Applicable Law that describes the proposed annual levy of assessments for each parcel for fiscal year 2025-2026 and the proposed changes to the Maintenance Districts or improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has carefully examined and reviewed the Reports and is satisfied with each and all of the items and documents set forth therein and has made a preliminary determination that the assessments on each parcel have been proportioned in accordance with the benefits received by each parcel and that such assessments do not exceed the estimated reasonable cost of providing the service; and

**WHEREAS**, at this time the City Council determines to commence proceedings to provide for the annual levy of assessments for fiscal year 2025-2026 to pay for the costs and expenses necessary for the maintenance of the improvements in the Maintenance Districts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Orange as follows:

## **SECTION I:**

That the above recitals are all true and correct.

## **SECTION II:**

That the City Council finds that the levy and collection of annual assessments for the Maintenance Districts is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities) and Section 15378(b)(4), as the assessments fund the operation, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing landscaping improvements and are not a “project” under CEQA. The activity does not involve any expansion of use beyond that previously existing, and therefore does not have a significant effect on the environment.

## **SECTION III:**

That the public interest and convenience require the undertaking of proceedings for the annual levy and collection of assessments to pay the costs and expenses for the maintenance of the improvements within the Maintenance Districts, which in general include: the maintenance, repair, removal or replacement of any of the landscaping improvements, including walkways, signage, irrigation, trimming, spraying, fertilizing, etc., and as such maintenance is more particular described in the Reports on file with the City Clerk (hereinafter “maintenance of improvements”).

## **SECTION IV:**

That the maintenance of improvements is of direct benefit to the properties within the boundaries of the Maintenance Districts, which the City Council previously declared to be the area benefited and which area is more particularly described in the boundary map open for public inspection and on file with the City Clerk bearing the designation of the Maintenance Districts.

## **SECTION V:**

That the Reports are preliminarily approved and ordered to be on file with the City Clerk and open for public inspection. The Reports contain a full and detailed description of the existing works of improvement, the boundaries of the Maintenance Districts and any zones therein, and the proposed assessments upon parcels within the Maintenance Districts.

The City Council finds and determines that the assessments proposed in the Reports are in proportion to the special benefits conferred on each parcel and that the total amount of all assessments does not exceed the estimated cost of the maintenance and operation of the improvements.

## **SECTION VI:**

The City shall give notice of the time and place of the public hearing to all property owners of record within the Maintenance Districts subject to a levy of assessment.

**SECTION VII:**

Notice is hereby given that Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 300 E. Chapman Avenue, Orange, CA 92866, is the time and place fixed by the City Council for hearing protests or objections in reference to the proposed annual levy of assessments for the Maintenance Districts in accordance with Government Code Section 53753 and Article 13D and to any other matters contained in this Resolution. Any persons who wish to object to the proceedings or the annual levy should file a written protest with the City Clerk prior to the time set for the public hearings.

**SECTION VIII:**

For any and all information relating to these proceedings, including information relating to protest procedure, your attention is directed to the person designated below:

Tawnie Schraan, Associate Civil Engineer  
City of Orange Public Works Department  
P.O. Box 449 - 300 East Chapman Avenue  
Orange, California 92866-0449  
(714) 744-5528

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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Daniel R. Slater, Mayor, City of Orange

**ATTEST:**

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Pamela Coleman, City Clerk, City of Orange

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Wayne W. Winthers  
Interim City Attorney, City of Orange

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I, PAMELA COLEMAN, City Clerk of the City of Orange, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Orange at a regular meeting thereof held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:

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Pamela Coleman, City Clerk, City of Orange