



CITY MANAGER

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To: Residents/Property Owners
Citywide Landscape & Lighting Assessment District Zones 1, 3 & 4, and 6

The City of Hercules has been endeavoring to address a combination operating and cumulative deficits in three of the Zones in the Citywide Landscaping & Lighting Assessment District for a number of years, including two failed attempts at having increased assessment approved by property owners. I am reaching out to advise the property owners and residents of Hercules by the Bay (Zone 1); the Gems & Birds (Zones 3 & 4); and, The Village Parkway (Zone 6) regarding upcoming cuts to services provided through the Landscape & Lighting Assessment District which covers your neighborhood. These cuts are necessary to match expenditures in these areas to the revenues generated by the assessments paid and are due to the failure of two efforts to raise the assessments.

On October 23, 2018, the City Council authorized service reductions in your landscape and lighting assessment district zone. The service reductions include:

- Changing from the LS-2C streetlight rate with PG&E to the LS-2A rate in both Zones 1, 3 & 4, and 6 with the savings applied to expense reduction, which has the City assuming full maintenance responsibility.
- Landscape Maintenance will be eliminated in Zone 6.
- Eliminate that portion of staff costs in each Zone attributable to the reduction in services.
- As a result, lights which fail or need repair will not be addressed as staff will not be allocated or available for this purpose.

The City Council considered turning off all streetlights in Zone 6 and a number of the wooden hollow-core streetlights in Zone 1; as this is needed to balance the budget in these zones, but delayed that to after the first of the year in order to allow for notice and for those areas with Homeowners Associations, to engage with these HOAs.

It is unfortunate that these service reductions are having to be implemented and we will reach out after the first of the year if there is any change to what the service reductions will involve.

Sincerely,

David Biggs
City Manager