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Honorable Members of the City Council
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Council Districts 5

REGARDING:

THE WESTWOOD (PROPERTY BASED) BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT'S
2024 FISCAL YEAR ANNUAL PLANNING REPORT

Honorable Members:

The Office of the City Clerk has received the Annual Planning Report for the Westwood Business Improvement District's ("District") 2024 fiscal year (CF 14-1515). The owners' association of the District has caused to be prepared the Annual Planning Report for City Council's consideration. In accordance with the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994, California Streets and Highways Code Section 36650, an Annual Planning Report for the District must be submitted for approval by the City Council. The Westwood Business Improvement District's Annual Planning Report for the 2024 fiscal year is presented with this transmittal for City Council's consideration as "Attachment 1."

BACKGROUND

The Westwood Business Improvement District was established on April 15, 2016 by and through the City Council's adoption of Ordinance No. 184241 which confirmed the assessments to be levied upon properties within the District, as described in the District's Management District Plan. The Council established the District pursuant to State Law.

ANNUAL PLANNING REPORT REQUIREMENTS

The State Law requires that the District's owners' association shall cause to be prepared, for City Council's consideration, an Annual Planning Report for each fiscal year for which assessments are to be levied and collected to pay for the costs of the planned District improvements and activities. The Annual Planning Report shall be filed with the City Clerk and shall refer to the district by name, specify the fiscal year to which the report applies, and, with respect to that fiscal year, shall contain all of the following: any proposed changes in the boundaries of the district or in any benefit zones within the district; the improvements and

activities to be provided for that fiscal year; an estimate of the cost of providing the improvements and activities for that fiscal year; the method and basis of levying the assessment in sufficient detail to allow each real property owner to estimate the amount of the assessment to be levied against his or her property for that fiscal year; the amount of any surplus or deficit revenues to be carried over from a previous fiscal year; and the amount of an contributions to be made from sources other than assessments levied.

The attached Annual Planning Report, which was approved by the District's Board at their meeting on September 21, 2023, complies with the requirements of the State Law and reports that programs will continue, as outlined in the Management District Plan adopted by the District property owners. The City Council may approve the Annual Planning Report as filed by the District's owners' association or may modify any particulars contained in the Annual Planning Report, in accordance with State Law, and approve it as modified.

FISCAL IMPACT

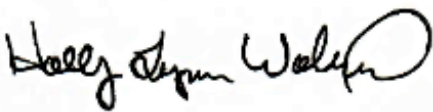
There is no impact to the General Fund associated with this action.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. FIND that the attached Annual Planning Report for the Westwood Business Improvement District's 2024 fiscal year complies with the requirements of the State Law
2. FIND that the increase in the 2024 budget concurs with the intentions of the Westwood Business Improvement District's Management District Plan and does not adversely impact the benefits received by assessed property owners.
3. ADOPT the attached Annual Planning Report for the Westwood Business Improvement District's 2024 fiscal year, pursuant to the State Law.

Sincerely,

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Holly L. Wolcott

City Clerk

Attachment:

Westwood Business Improvement District's 2024 Fiscal Year Annual Planning Report

October 20, 2023

Holly L. Wolcott, City Clerk
Office of the City Clerk
200 North Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA. 90012

Subject: Westwood PBID 2024 Annual Planning Report

Dear Ms. Wolcott:

As required by the Property and Business Improvement District Law of 1994, California Streets and Highways Code Section 36650, the Board of Directors of the Westwood Business Improvement District has caused this Westwood Business Improvement District Annual Planning Report to be prepared at its meeting on September 21, 2023.

This report covers proposed activities of the Westwood BID from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Russell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a vertical line to its right.

Michael Russell
Executive Director

Westwood Business Improvement District

2024 Annual Planning Report

District Name

This report is for the Westwood Business Improvement District (District). The District is operated by the Westwood Village Improvement Association (WVIA), a California non-profit corporation.

Fiscal Year of Report

The report applies to the 2024 Fiscal Year. The District Board of Directors approved the 2024 Annual Planning Report at the September 21, 2023 Board of Director's meeting.

Boundaries

There are no changes to the District boundaries for 2024.

Benefit Zones

There are no changes to the District's benefit zone(s) for 2024.

2024 IMPROVEMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

Clean, Safe, Beautiful Programs: \$1,595,498.53 (75.70%)

Safe Team Program

The Safety Program will provide security services for the individual assessed parcels located within the District in the form of walking and segway patrols. The purpose of the Safe Team Program is to prevent, deter and report illegal activities.

Clean and Beautiful Program

Sidewalk Cleaning: Uniformed, radio equipped personnel sweep litter, debris and refuse from sidewalks and gutters of the District. District personnel will pressure wash the sidewalks.

Trash Collection: Collector truck personnel collect trash from sidewalk trash receptacles as needed. District trucks are often called to dispose of illegal food vendors' inventory. They are also dispatched to collect stolen shopping carts and large bulky items illegally dumped in the District.

Graffiti Removal: District personnel remove graffiti by painting, using solvent and pressure washing. The District maintains a zero tolerance graffiti policy. An effort is made to remove all tags within 24 hours on weekdays.

Landscape Maintenance/Tree Lighting: Landscape maintenance and street tree trimming are important programs that work to attract increased customers to the District. Landscape maintenance includes weed abatement and median maintenance. A tree lighting program on existing street trees in the public right-of-way also increases the uniqueness of the District and increases the overall lighting within the District.

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The Affecting Homelessness Program funds a dedicated outreach specialist to connect those in need with services and housing.

Communication & Development : \$257,123.28 (12.20%)

Some of the communication/image programs:

- Quarterly Newsletter
- Westwood BID Web Site
- Social Media
- Business Retention
- Business Recruitment
- Broker Support and Outreach
- Customer Recruitment
- Parking Use Improvement
- Pedestrian Use Improvement

Management/City Fees and Slow Pay: \$255,016.00 (12.10%)

The improvements and activities are managed by a professional staff that requires centralized administrative support. Management staff oversees the District's services which are delivered seven days a week. Management staff actively works on behalf of the District parcels to insure that City and County services and policies support the District. Included in this item are management labor, office expense and organizational expenses such as insurance and the cost to conduct a yearly financial review.

Total Estimate of Cost for 2024

A breakdown of the total estimated 2024 budget is attached to this report as **Appendix A.**

Method and Basis of Levying the Assessment

The Method and Basis for levying the 2024 assessment remains the same as listed in the Management District Plan. Annual assessments are based upon an allocation of program costs and a calculation of assessable footage for two (2) Benefit Zones. Assessments are determined by lot square footage, building square footage and street front footage. The management district plan allows for a maximum CPI increase of 5%. The Board voted for a 2024 assessment increase of (3.5%). The assessment rates for 2024 are as follows:

Zone 1

Lot: \$0.2640 per square foot

Building: \$0.1126 per square foot

Frontage: \$24.5515 per linear foot

Zone 2

Lot: \$0.2231 per square foot

Building: \$0.0786 per square foot

Frontage: \$21.9993 per linear foot

(There is a 3.5% CPI increase for 2024)

Surplus Revenues: \$177,170.00

Savings of \$177,170 from 2023 assessments are primarily unallocated line items pertaining to one BID staff position that was eliminated in 2023 and carryover from the 2022 assessments from a BID staff position that went unfilled for 4 months (Sep, Oct, Nov, and Dec 2022), and two BID staff positions that took Pregnancy Disability Leave for a combined 32 weeks in 2022. No services were disrupted. This surplus will be expended in 2024 in the categories for Clean, Safe, and Beautiful, Communications/Development, and Management.

Anticipated Deficit Revenues

There are no deficit revenues that will be carried over to 2024.

Contribution from Sources other than assessments: \$208,252.00

General benefit funding totals \$6,252, Westwood Village Farmers Market Revenues and other contributions estimated totals \$15,000, Bank Interest \$12,000, LA Metro Contribution \$175,000.

APPENDIX A- TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES/EXPENDITURES FOR THE Westwood BID- FY 2024

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Total	
2024 Assessments	\$1,188,328.00	\$533,887.53	\$1,722,215.53	
Estimated Carryover from 2023	\$122,248.00	\$54,922.00	\$177,170.00	
Other Income	\$143,694.00	\$64,558.28	\$208,252.28	
Total Estimated Revenues	\$1,454,270.00	\$653,367.81	\$2,107,637.81	
2024 Estimated Expenditures				Pct.
Clean, Safe, Beautiful Programs	\$1,100,894.00	\$494,604.53	\$1,595,498.53	75.70%
Communication & Development	\$177,415.00	\$79,708.28	\$257,123.28	12.20%
Management/City Fees and Slow Pay	\$175,961.00	\$79,055.00	\$255,016.00	12.10%
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$1,454,270.00	\$653,367.81	\$2,107,637.81	100%