

For the Board Meeting of October 30, 2009

CD: 4

MOTION

The City has recently completed the repair of a retaining wall on Franklin Avenue w/o Normandie Avenue in the Los Feliz Community (CD 4). After the repair was completed, the owners of two homes at 5163 and 5167 Franklin Avenue reported to the Council Office that their house laterals were damaged by the recently completed repairs. Apparently, the house laterals at the two homes were damaged and compromised limiting the home owners from using their facilities and potentially causing sewage discharge onto the ground, the street and our storm water drainage system.

In a motion adopted by City Council on October 27, 2009, the Bureaus of Sanitation and Engineering were directed to immediately work with the Board of Public Works to declare as emergency, repairs on house laterals located at 5163 and 5167 Franklin Avenue which were damaged by the recently completed repair of a retaining wall on Franklin Avenue w/o Normandie Avenue; and to utilize the emergency On-Call Contractor to expeditiously complete the repairs and restore services to the two homes.

In response to the City Council motion and in order to eliminate the potential discharge of sewage, and restore wastewater services to the two impacted homes, the Bureaus of Engineering and Sanitation investigated the issue and determined that immediate repair of these two laterals adjacent to or under the City retaining wall are needed immediately. Commissioner Shaw was notified of the emergency and the use of the emergency on-call contractor on October 26, 2009. The repairs of the damaged laterals using the Emergency On-Call Contractor List were initiated under the authority of the Board of Public Works at a cost not to exceed \$100,000. The repairs are currently underway.

IT IS THEREFORE MOVED, that the Board of Public Works concur with the Bureaus of Engineering and Sanitation's determination to declare these repairs as emergency and authorize the utilization of the emergency On-Call Contractor to complete the repairs and restore services to the two homes at a cost not to exceed \$100,000. **FURTHERMORE**, direct the Bureaus of Engineering and Sanitation to determine the cause of the damage to the sewer laterals and pursue any appropriate reimbursements to the Sewer Construction and Maintenance Fund.

Respectfully submitted,



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