

# Agenda Report

**TO:** City Council

**DATE:** June 13, 2005

**FROM:** City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Opposition to Senate Bill 351 (Soto) Parking and Business Improvement Areas

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Oppose SB 351 (Soto) that will amend the Streets and Highways Code to require two thresholds be met in order to initiate the ballot process; and
2. Authorize the Mayor to communicate the City's position to the appropriate authorities.

**BILL SUMMARY:**

The current law requires that the District receive petitions in support from property owners whose assessments constitute a minimum of 50% of the total assessment to be levied for the proposed district.

This bill would amend the existing Section 36621 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to improvement districts to change the minimum threshold of collected petitions necessary to set a public hearing. The bill will require that the proposed district receive a) petitions in support from property owners whose assessments constitute a minimum of 50% of the total assessment to be levied for the proposed district, and b) a minimum of 50% of the total number of property owners in a proposed district.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Pasadena has three Business Districts that will be directly affected by the changes to the Law per the Bill. Old Pasadena and Playhouse are currently PBIDs and South Lake, a BID. If the bill is passed, the changes will affect Playhouse in their 2006 renewal efforts and South Lake in their 2006 formation. Old Pasadena is currently undergoing renewal, and is not immediately affected.

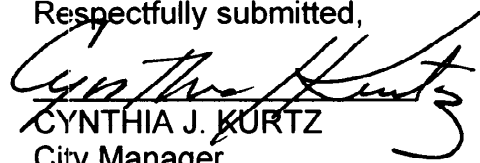
The Property and Business Improvement District Law requires written petitions by property owners whose assessed valuation constitutes at least 51% of the total assessment to be levied in order for the city or county to form the district.  
The Proposal

In instances of formation or renewal for Old Pasadena and Playhouse, the Districts have reached the minimum threshold of 51% necessary to form the district, but have never exceeded the additional proposed 50% of the collective property owners' petitions.

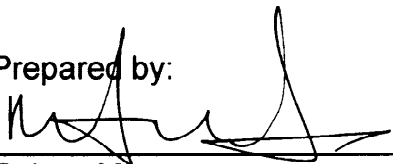
**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There are no costs for the City of Pasadena associated with this bill.

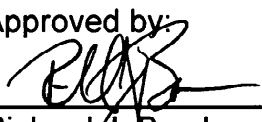
Respectfully submitted,

  
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