



City Council  
City of Hermosa Beach  
1315 Valley Drive, 2nd floor  
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

Re: Underground Utility District Assessment

October 7, 2020

Councilmembers:

In 2017 I was contacted by email about my interest in putting utility poles underground. At that time I was interested in understanding more about the process, the costs associated with the project, the timeline, and what was involved regarding construction and the resulting disruptions to my house from having the alley dug up. I agreed to include my signature with the understanding that additional information would be forthcoming.

I was surprised when I recently received a package that laid out the assessor's estimate of the cost to me regarding the undergrounding of the utility poles and that I had to vote on this assessment in a few short weeks. We were not notified of any information or findings during the entire process and found the information package and the ballot to be a last minute rush job. The outside consultant hired to provide the assessment analysis produced a report that was poorly done, lacked any intelligent rationale, and was frankly a waste of money.

I ask that the signature I provided as an expression of interest in 2017 be withdrawn from the list of signatures that the Greenwich Undergrounding Association presented to the City of Hermosa Beach and other involved parties. I did not approve the use of my signature and feel its use was intentionally misleading.

Sincerely,



Gary S. Burdick

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