

Dear CSD Staff and Mr. Vice President:

Our District must move forward to support positive changes in our community. I am formally requesting a change to the CSD Lighting budget to accommodate the addition of landscaping to the districts budget. Pursuant to government code 61100 subsection g Both the University of California and the USDA have done extensive research and found that landscaping especially with regards to “urban trees” or “street trees” present significant benefits to the community at large such as increased property values, slower traffic movement, sun and heat protection. Additional research from Yale, The National Center for Biotechnical Information, and the University of Washington have found that the addition of trees and landscaping to the community reduced crime. Especially in middle income and lower income neighborhoods. It is thus I formally request consensus from the board to direct staff to make a budget amendment in the districts lighting department to prepare for the activation and planning of landscaping.

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(g) Acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and operate street lighting and landscaping on public property, public rights-of-way, and public easements.