

Upcoming Assessment Ballot to Fund Repair and Maintenance of L.A.'s Network of Streetlights



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Street Lighting

A unique ballot reflecting the proposed updated street light repair/maintenance assessment for your property will be mailed **around April 17, 2026** and must be returned on or before June 2, 2026.

This is NOT the same ballot as your Mayoral Election/State Primary Election Ballot.



For More Information, Please Visit: lalights.lacity.org/residents/prop_218.html



Los Angeles Bureau of Street Lighting

Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL) of the City of Los Angeles maintains and repairs approximately **220,000 streetlights**, and a vast underground network: **9,000 miles of conduit filled with 27,000 miles of copper wire.**

“Special Benefit Assessment” Funding

BSL’s operations are primarily funded through a “special benefit assessment” on property owners.

Under Prop 218, approved by California voters in 1996, these assessments can only be used for services and improvements that directly benefit properties - and the amount charged must be proportional to that benefit. For street lighting, these special benefits were determined to be improvements related to:

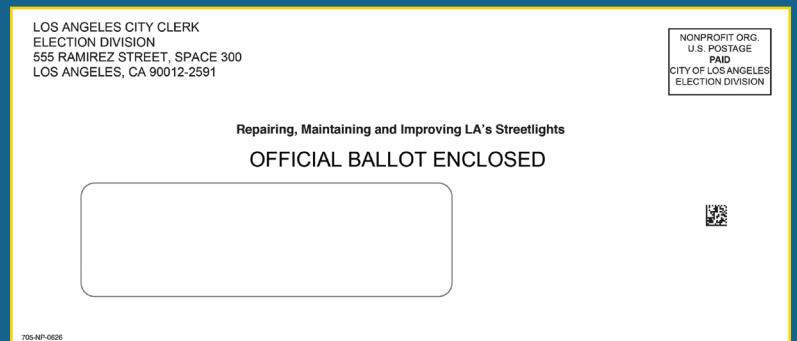
- Security and crime prevention
- Safety
- Economic activity and access
- Aesthetics

Most individual street lighting property assessments have not increased since 1996. In March 2026, the Los Angeles City Council approved a proposed update to these assessments, which is subject to a property owner vote under Prop 218. The charts below show how the proposed assessment is calculated.



Your Ballot

You will receive a special ballot that includes the specific amount calculated for your property for the proposed updated special benefit assessment for streetlight repair and maintenance.



How Would Funds be Used?

Funds generated by this assessment would be placed in a special account dedicated to the repair, upgrade and maintenance of streetlights within the Assessment District, in the City of Los Angeles.

Official repair times for street light repairs average one year. Funding from the special benefit assessment will be utilized to increase resources for street light repairs and maintenance.

Special Benefit by Land Use:

Class	Land Use/ Lighting Type	Security	Safety	Economics/ Access	Aesthetics	Land Use Benefit Point Total
1	Ornamental Light					
	Residential	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	3.00
	Retail	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	4.00
	Office	1.00	1.00	0.50	1.00	3.50
	Industrial	1.00	1.00	0.75	1.00	3.75
	Institutional	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	3.00
	Public	1.00	1.00	0.50	1.00	3.50
	Undeveloped/Utility	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.00	1.00
2	Standard Light					
	Residential	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	2.00
	Retail	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	3.00
	Office	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.00	2.50
	Industrial	1.00	1.00	0.75	0.00	2.75
	Institutional	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	2.00
	Public	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.00	2.50
	Undeveloped/Utility	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.00	1.00
3	Pedestrian Light					
	Residential	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.00	1.00
	Retail	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.00	1.50
	Office	0.50	0.50	0.25	0.00	1.25
	Industrial	0.50	0.50	0.37	0.00	1.37
	Institutional	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.00	1.00
	Public	0.50	0.50	0.25	0.00	1.25
	Undeveloped/Utility	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.50

Special Benefit by Parcel Size:

Land Use	PARCEL SIZE BENEFIT POINTS							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	<0.1 Acres	0.1- <0.2 Acres	0.2- <0.4 Acres	0.4- <0.8 Acres	0.8- <1.5 Acres	1.5- <3.0 Acres	3.0- <6.0 Acres	>=6.0 Acres
Single Family Residential	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	2.50
Multi-Family Residential 2-4 Units	1.50	1.75	3.25	5.50	8.00	11.00	14.00	18.00
Multi-Family Residential 5-15 Units	1.75	2.00	3.75	6.25	9.00	13.00	15.00	21.00
Multi-Family Residential 16-25 Units	2.00	2.50	4.50	7.00	10.00	15.00	17.00	25.00
Multi-Family Residential 26-50 Units	2.50	3.00	5.00	8.00	11.50	17.00	19.00	30.00
Multi-Family Residential >50 Units	3.00	4.00	6.00	9.50	13.00	19.00	25.00	40.00
Retail	1.50	1.75	3.25	5.50	8.00	11.50	20.00	40.00
Office	1.50	1.75	3.25	5.50	8.00	11.50	20.00	40.00
Industrial	0.75	1.00	1.25	2.25	4.00	7.00	10.00	25.00
Institutional	0.50	1.00	1.25	2.25	4.00	7.00	10.00	25.00
Public	0.50	1.00	1.25	2.25	4.00	7.00	10.00	25.00
Undeveloped/Utility	0.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	3.50	4.50	8.00

Total Special Benefit Points:

■ Land Use Benefit Points × Parcel Size Benefit Points = Total Special Benefit Points

■ Maximum Assessment Rate per Special Benefit Point: \$58.84

To review the full Engineer’s Report and Long-Term Plan please visit: alights.lacity.org/residents/prop_218.html