

# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

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## Interdepartmental Correspondence

Date: April 16, 2001

Board Meeting Date: April 24, 2001

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Neil R. Cullen, Director Of Public Works

**SUBJECT:** **Installation of a Street Light in the Menlo Park Highway Lighting District – 687 - 3rd Avenue**

### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution approving the installation of one (1) street light within the boundaries of the Menlo Park Highway Lighting District

### Previous Board Actions

Adopted a policy of notifying property owners within 300 feet along the street where a light is proposed to be installed

### Key Facts

1. Section 19160 of the State of California Streets and Highways Code provides that the installation and maintenance of additional lights may be initiated when a petition signed by twenty (20) or more property owners of the lighting district is filed with the District's Governing Body (County Board of Supervisors).
2. A valid petition signed by (20) property owners within the Menlo Park Highway Lighting District, requesting the installation of an additional street light, has been filed with the Clerk of the Board

### Discussion

The proposed location of this new street light is in the vicinity of 687 - 3rd Avenue, Redwood City. Twenty (20) property owners from the lighting district signed a petition requesting the installation of a street light, and our field investigation confirmed that additional street lighting at this location would benefit the community

We sent letters to property owners within three hundred feet of the proposed light installation to determine their opinions. Two residents responded, one supported the installation of the light, the other person was also in support of the installation as long as another light did not have to be removed. We confirmed that no lights were proposed to be removed from the District to allow the new light to be installed.

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**Fiscal Impact**

The installation of one (1) high-pressure sodium vapor luminaire will cost approximately \$500. The energy cost for one (1) light based on Pacific Gas and Electric's current LS-2A rate schedule, would be \$2.31 per month. Funds are available in the Menlo Park Highway Lighting District to pay for the initial cost of installation and future energy and maintenance costs for this light.

We will also be evaluating the overall impacts of any change in the rates charged for street lighting as soon as we have information on any proposed rate changes. However, we do not believe the addition of one light will have a significant affect on District finances as the light only represents 0.18% of the total lighting fixtures of the District.

There is no impact to the General Fund.

A form of Resolution has been approved by the County Counsel



Neil R. Cullen  
Director of Public Works

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Brian C. Lee, P.E., Division Manager, Programs and Engineering Services

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Board of Supervisors, County of San Mateo, State of California**

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**Resolution Authorizing Installation of a Street Light  
Pursuant to Section 19160 of the Streets and Highways Code -  
Menlo Park Highway Lighting District**

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mateo, State of California,  
that

**WHEREAS**, Section 19160 of the State of California Streets and Highways Code  
provides that the installation and maintenance of additional lights may be initiated when a  
petition signed by twenty (20) or more property owners of the lighting district is filed with the  
district's governing board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Superviosr is the governing board of the Menlo Park Highway  
Lighting District; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been filed with the Clerk of this Board a valid petition  
signed by twenty (20) of the property owners within the Menlo Park Highway Lighting  
District requesting the installation of one (1) additional street light; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board has considered the petition as presented

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED** as

follows

1. The installation of one (1) street light, as petitioned for by the property owners, is hereby ordered pursuant to Section 19160 of the Streets and Highways Code

2. The cost of installation and maintenance of said street light shall be a charge upon the Menlo Park Highway Lighting District

3. That the Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to notify Pacific Gas and Electric Company or other energy provider as appropriate that all billings for the Menlo Park Highway Lighting District be forwarded to the Department of Public Works for payment.

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