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July 11, 2005

**Subject**

Levy of Benefit Assessments for FY 2005-2006 for the Redwood Shores Landscape Maintenance District 1995-1

**Recommendation**

Adopt a Resolution Ordering the Levy of Benefit Assessments for FY 2005-06 for the Redwood Shores Landscape Maintenance District 1995-1.

**Background**

The Redwood Shores Landscape Maintenance District was formed in 1995. The District was formed to pay for the maintenance of facilities that were determined to be above and beyond the normal level of maintenance that is required in the rest of the City.

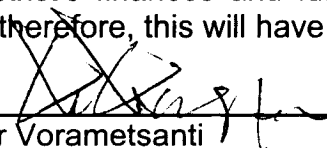
This is an annual authorization required to enable taxes to be levied and collected, through the San Mateo County Tax Controller and Collector's Office. The Redwood Shores Landscape Maintenance District was formed with an automatic escalation clause based on labor costs. This year the maximum adjustment of 3.5% is being applied due to the increasing cost of labor, associated with the escalating fringe benefits for Landscape Gardeners from \$17,024.00 (FY 04-05) to \$21,482.00 (FY 05-06). The majority of this expense is due to the cost increase of medical benefits, and the City's contribution to the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS). The District can still operate cost-effectively in FY 05-06, by only providing essential service. For future years, if the cost escalating continues, then any increase of assessment beyond the built-in escalation clause would require a District balloting. This will have to be done when the property owners in the District desire a higher level of service.

**Alternative**

Do not authorize the tax levies, and not provide the extra services to these property owners.

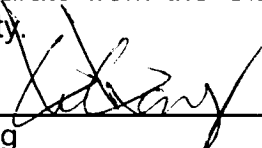
**Fiscal Impacts**

The District's finances and fund balances are kept separate from the City's General Funds; therefore, this will have no fiscal impacts to the City.



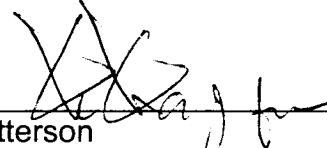
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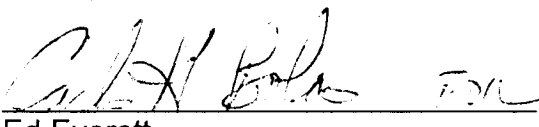
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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY, REQUESTING AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CONTROLLER TO LEVY THE BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS FOR FY 2005-2006 FOR THE REDWOOD SHORES LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1995-1 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT SUCH ASSESSMENTS.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA AS FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS**, on July 28, 1997, voters of the Redwood Shores Landscape Maintenance District 1995-1 (the "District") approved, by a vote of 89.4% yes to 10.6% no, the levy of a special tax, the amounts of such tax to be annually calculated in accordance with the formula set forth in the City Manager's and City Engineer's Reports, heretofore approved by Resolution No. 13107 adopted June 9, 1997, and confirmed by Resolution No. 13377 adopted June 29, 1998, on each non-exempt parcel of land in the district; and

**WHEREAS**, the maximum benefit assessment for fiscal year 2005-2006 is \$171,527.04; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has the need of the services of the offices of the San Mateo County Controller and Tax Collector in levying and collecting the special tax.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The City Council of the City of Redwood City hereby respectfully requests and authorizes the San Mateo County Tax Controller to include individual tax assessments in the County tax bills for the fiscal year 2005-2006 in accordance with

the documents supplied by the District and authorizes the San Mateo County Tax Collector to collect the taxes at the same time and in the same manner as the general County taxes are collected.

2. That the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

3. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately on adoption by the City Council.

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