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RE: Rush Creek Landscaping and Lighting District

Dear Rush Creek Resident,

You are cordially invited to attend a homeowner's meeting for the Rush Creek Lighting and Landscape District, on Thursday, May 25, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., at the Margaret Todd Senior Center, Hill Community Room, 1560 Hill Road, Novato.

You may be aware that your parcel lies within the Rush Creek Landscaping and Lighting District (RCLLD). The Landscape and Lighting District provides maintenance to common areas, drainage systems, bicycle and equestrian pathways, landscaping and trees, maintenance of the neighborhood park and fire fuel reduction for fire prevention.

The California Streets and Highways Code requires annual preparation of an Engineer's Report describing each parcel benefiting from this maintenance, as well as the amount each parcel is assessed annually for such work. This year's report will recommend **no change** in the current annual assessment of \$949 per taxable parcel for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024).

**IMPORTANT:** Over the past 5 years there have been discussions at the annual homeowner meeting, as well as smaller neighbor group discussions, about RCLLD finances. These discussions led to some cost reduction strategies that have been implemented in the past few years, as well as seeking and securing grant opportunities for fire safety improvements. Several community members have recently expressed interest in exploring an increase in the parcel assessment for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 to meet current community needs. This will be a primary topic for this year's homeowner meeting, so your participation and attendance would be greatly appreciated.

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The RCLLD renewal process is reviewed annually by the Marin County Board of Supervisors. The Marin County Board of Supervisors will hold a formal public Information Meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 329 of the Marin County Civic Center regarding the Rush Creek Landscaping and Lighting District.

On Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., the Board will receive public testimony regarding the District and its assessment, including objections and protests. Written protests of the assessment may be filed with the Clerk of the Board prior to the

conclusion of this hearing. A majority protest may cause the assessment and maintenance work to be abandoned. Upon conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt a Resolution confirming the assessment.

*Note: information on attending a BOS meeting can be found at <https://www.marincounty.org/depts/bs/meeting-archive>*

For general information, budget information, information about landscape maintenance of Rush Creek Landscaping and Lighting District, or to report maintenance-related issues—such as broken irrigation, broken address lights, etc.—please contact me at 415-601-7332 (mobile) or email [jchayka@marincounty.org](mailto:jchayka@marincounty.org)

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Chayka", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jim Chayka  
Superintendent

cc: Supervisor Eric Lucan  
Max Korten, Director and General Manager