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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: PERMITTING RESIDENTS OF A NEIGHBORHOOD TO PAY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF UNDULATIONS

SUMMARY

The Budget and Finance Committee requested staff to submit a policy statement regarding the installation of undulations at residents' expense. This report outlines the conditions adopted by the Committee.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The staff feels that it is not practical to install undulations by Assessment District. The total cost is too small in relation to the work involved, and the administrative costs would probably exceed the costs of the improvements. In addition, there would probably be problems with such a small bond issue since the cost to install undulations on the average street is only about \$4,000. In order to establish an Assessment District, it is necessary to apportion the benefits to the neighborhood, and at this time, we do not know how this could be done.

If the residents of a neighborhood wish to collect the money and pay for undulations on their street without going through the Assessment District procedures, the City could consider the placement of undulations on such a street. It is recommended that the following conditions be met before agreeing to accept the money or agreeing to install the undulations:

1. The street must meet City undulations standards (minimum length 1500 feet with no intersections or all "T" intersections).
2. The street must be on the City's priority list for undulations.
3. The undulations must meet the City standards as to size, shape and number.

4. Over 50% of the property owners along the street must give their approval.
5. The property owners must pay in advance, based on an estimate with an adjustment to be made later after bids have been received or the work has been completed.
6. The City Engineer would have to have final authority to determine the location of sets of undulations along the street.

Unless the above conditions are met, there could be endless disagreement that would consume a lot of staff time for undulations that may never be installed. There is also the possibility that the City could incur liability if the residents were allowed to make choices on the size, shape, number or location of undulations.

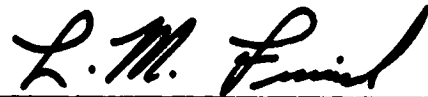
#### FINANCIAL DATA

If the policy described in this report is adopted, more staff time will be consumed. However, if undulations are installed at neighborhood expense that would otherwise be installed at City expense, there could be a savings.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council approve the conditions adopted by the Budget and Finance Committee and instruct the staff to apply these conditions if and when residents offer to pay for undulations.

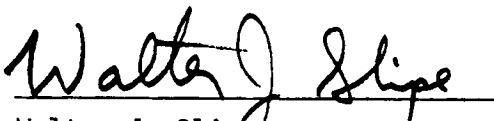
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Recommendation Approved



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