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Date: June 26, 2007

To: Mayor Hearn and City Council Members

From: James R. Williams, Public Works Director

Subject: **Lancaster Landscape Maintenance District No. 1**
Levy of Annual Assessment for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution No. 07-128 confirming the diagram and assessment and ordering the levying of an assessment in Lancaster Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Fiscal Impact:

Each benefit unit annexed prior to Fiscal Year 2005-2006 will be assessed \$80.00. The proposed assessment is the same as previous year's assessment. Each benefit unit annexed beginning Fiscal Year 2005-2006 will be assessed \$90.33. The proposed assessment includes the CPI adjustment. A total of \$1,123,249 will be assessed against the benefiting properties, which will be used for maintenance expenses.

Background:

Lancaster Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 was formed, including subsequent annexations thereto, for the purpose of providing maintenance services to landscaping and appurtenant improvements for various developments within the City and assessing those properties which benefit from this service. Each year the City Council must, by law, order the preparation of an Engineer's Report describing the existing and proposed maintenance services, and conduct a public hearing to establish and order the amount of assessment for the next fiscal year.

The landscaping improvements in the areas within the District will be maintained with funds generated by the Landscape Maintenance District. Each lot or parcel within the District annexed prior to Fiscal Year 2005-2006, as indicated on the diagram, will be assessed a unit assessment of \$80 for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. The unit assessment for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 is the same as Fiscal Year 2004-2005, except for those parcels that were annexed beginning Fiscal Year 2005-2006, which will be assessed at a rate reflective of an annual index increase consistent with the consumer price index for Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange Counties. Last year's rate was \$87.28. For the FY 2007-2008 annexations, the rate of assessment will be \$90.33 per assessment unit, including the established CPI adjustment of 3.5% ($\$87.28 \times 1.035 = \90.33).