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To: [Lemos, June](#)
Subject: September 27 Agenda Item 8B. 21-508, Underground Utility District
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Ms. Lemos, Staff:

Please enter the following into the Public Record for tonight's Council Meeting:

Mayor, Manager, Council, and Chantell O'Neal:

Apologies for this tardy request for inclusion into Ms. O'Neal's Timely Rule 20 Report, proposing an Underground Utility District to acquire credits and Avoid Becoming An Inactive District.

This request asks that the Alleyway just East of North Franklin St., running South/North between Oak St. and Laurel St., Fort Bragg, be included within the final district submission proposal. Committee seems to be leaning towards Chesnut St. as the most appropriate Underground Utility District. However certain information was not available to Ms. O'Neal or Committee at time of consideration. Specifically, within the last 60-90 days the Fort Bragg Fire Department was notified twice by the 911 Dispatcher of electrical 'arcing' and small 'fire balls' dropping on a neighbor's carport in the 100 Block. At the same time the fire department was responding to a call on the Redwood or Laurel end of the same alleyway. The transformers that frequent the same alleyway are unquestionably in need of updating (recently acknowledged by a PG&E lineman and at least one local electrical contractor). Burying them is certainly warranted.

In light of the above sightings; the immediate apparent danger to both commercial and residential properties in the CBD; and the draught/fire season upon us - it seems prudent to mandate that this section of Fort Bragg's interior - be included in the current districting proposal. Given that Chestnut St. and the Franklin St. Alleyway intersect each other, it also appears the two segments could be joined to form an L-SHAPED Underground Utility District.

Please consider amending the current proposal to include this imminent electrical fire hazard route within Director O'Neal's existing plan to rescue Fort Bragg's Rule 20 Work Credits.

Sincere regards,
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