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NEWPORT HEIGHTS

UNDERGROUND UTILITIES. SAFER COMMUNITY.

## Undergrounding Utility Assessment Petition for District 118-2

### Why Your Newport Heights Neighbors Are Asking You to Sign This Petition

- The Palisades and Eaton fires taught us that every urban and suburban area is at risk of wildfires. This is certainly true for Newport Heights with our many combustible trees and wood roofs.
- The Heights is one of the last neighborhoods in Newport not yet undergrounded.
- Signing this petition **does not** create any cost or obligation for anyone.
- Signing this petition **does** get us the City-certified information we all need to make an informed final decision on whether undergrounding in the Heights makes sense
- After the required Petition signatures are gathered, a majority of property owners must vote to approve the project before it can proceed

### Consider The Following Benefits If the Project Is Ultimately Approved

- ✓ **Safety:** Electrical system fire risk from high wind or earthquakes is substantially reduced
- ✓ **Reliability:** Reduced electrical outages/maintenance. All new equipment.
- ✓ **Aesthetics:** Vastly improved street and alley appearance, and improved views.
- ✓ **Property Values:** Value and marketability of homes likely to go up.
- ✓ **Potentially Excellent Investment:** Even a 1% increase in home value could cover the cost.
- ✓ **Financial Burden Can be Minimized:**
  - 8.6% discount for advance cash payment
  - Or pay \$1,900 payments over 20 years through semi-annual property tax bill
  - The Newport Beach City Council has indicated strong support and desire for undergrounding utilities. The council is developing a program to allow qualifying economically disadvantaged property owners to defer payment of undergrounding costs until the property is transferred. The City Council is expected to vote on this program in June or July, before any final vote on undergrounding in Newport Heights.

**IN SHORT, THERE IS NO DOWNSIDE TO SIGNING THIS PETITION,  
AND THERE IS POTENTIALLY HUGE UPSIDE.**

**For More Information, access our website at: [safernewportheights.com](http://safernewportheights.com)**

“Undergrounding distribution infrastructure has many important safety, reliability, aesthetic and economic benefits including *wildfire risk mitigation*, broader climate adaptation and *public safety*, as recognized by the CPUC. Customers also benefit from *enhanced service reliability*, *reduced public safety power shutoffs (PSPS)*, and *lower long-term operating and maintenance costs*.”

- Pedro Pizarro, CEO of Southern California Edison, 4/11/25 (emphasis added)