The City of West Hollywood will hold a public hearing on June 2, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. as part of its regularly scheduled meeting at West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room - Council Chambers, 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069, to solicit input on the levy of an assessment in the West Hollywood Design District for fiscal year 2014-2015. The following draft resolution is scheduled to be considered by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood on May 19, 2014.

DRAFT

RESOLUTION NO. 14 - ______


THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES HEREBY FIND, DECLARE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Parking and Business Improvement Area Law of 1989 (the "Law"), California Streets and Highways Code Sections 36500 et seq., authorizes the City Council to levy an assessment against businesses within a parking and business improvement area which is in addition to any assessments, fees, charges, or taxes imposed in the City.

Section 2. Pursuant to the Law, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 95-450 establishing the Avenues of Art & Design Business Improvement District (the "District") in the City of West Hollywood. In 2010, the Advisory Board for the District approved a name change to “The Avenues – Art, Fashion & Design District.” In 2013, the Advisory Board approved an additional name change to “The West Hollywood Design District.”

Section 3. The boundaries of the West Hollywood Design District Business Improvement District (the "District") are generally described as Santa Monica Boulevard on the north, Beverly Boulevard on the south, La Cienega Boulevard on the east, and Doheny Drive on the west.

Section 4. In accordance with Streets and Highways Code Section 36533, the Advisory Board has prepared and filed with the City Clerk a report titled "The West Hollywood Design District Annual Report" (the "Report"), which proposed no change to the District for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Section 5. The City Council hereby approves the Report as filed by the Advisory Board.
Section 6. Having approved the Report as filed, the City Council hereby declares its intention to levy and collect an assessment against businesses within the District for fiscal year 2014-2015, in addition to any assessments, fees, charges or taxes imposed by the City, in the same manner and amount as collected during fiscal year 2013-2014 (“Assessment”).

Section 7. Generally, the improvements and activities to be funded by the Assessment are as follows:

(a) Promotion of public events which benefit businesses in the District and which take place on or in public places within the District; and

(b) Improvements and activities which benefit businesses located and operating in the District.

Section 8. For a full and detailed description of the improvements and activities to be provided for fiscal year 2014-2015, the boundaries of the District and the Assessment to be levied against the businesses within the District for fiscal year 2014-2015, reference is hereby made to the Report of the Advisory Board, which is on file with the City Clerk and open to public inspection.

Section 9. New businesses established in the District between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015 shall be exempt from the assessment for fiscal year 2014-2015. For the purposes of this Section (9) a business shall be deemed established on the date the City issues a business license for the business or the date the business commences operation, whichever is earlier.

Section 10. A public hearing on the proposed levy of an assessment against businesses within the District for fiscal year 2014-2015 shall be held as follows:

TIME: 6:30 p.m.
DATE: Monday, June 2, 2014
PLACE: West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room – Council Chambers
       625 N. San Vicente Boulevard
       West Hollywood, California 90069

At the public hearing, the testimony of all interested persons regarding the levy of an assessment against businesses within the District for fiscal year 2014-2015 shall be heard. A protest may be made orally or in writing by any interested person. The form and manner of protests shall comply with Streets and Highways Code Section 36524 and 36525.

Section 11. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide notice of the public hearing in accordance with law.
PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 19th of May, 2014.

______________________________
MAYOR

ATTEST:

__________________________________
CITY CLERK

BY ORDER OF the City of West Hollywood.
Yvonne Quarker, City Clerk