



May 29, 2019

The Honorable Susan Rubio  
California State Senate  
State Capitol Building, Room 4052  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 324 (Rubio) Street lighting systems: City of Temple City**

Dear Senator Rubio:

The Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities® (Division), representing 86 cities in the county supports your SB 324 to allow Temple City to utilize funds levied under The Street Lighting Act of 1919 (1919 Act) to be used by the Temple City Citywide Landscape and Lighting District (District) for the purposes set forth in the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 (1972 Act).

The Street Lighting Act of 1919 allows a city to use a benefit assessment to fund street lighting. Funds from the 1919 Act can be used only for lighting maintenance and not for landscape maintenance or installation of city-owned public lighting facilities, like traffic signals, which is allowed under the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972. Temple City has accumulated unspent funds under the 1919 Act due to its limited permissible uses and at the same time has accumulated a deficit from its funding source in the direct assessment under the 1972 Act. This has created an imbalance in the District with unusable funds currently projected at over \$2 million. SB 324 provides a solution to allow Temple City to utilize the unspent 1919 Act funds to provide improved maintenance and capital improvements on city streets, city trees, and medians. For these reasons we support SB 342.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue. If you have any questions, please contact Kristine Guerrero at [kguerrero@cacities.org](mailto:kguerrero@cacities.org).

Sincerely,

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Los Angeles County Division  
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Bryan Cook, City Manager, Temple City

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