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Dear Councilmember LaBonge,

The Department of Water and Power, as well as other utility companies, continue to cut into our streets without properly resurfacing the cuts. DWP has continued the practice of leaving temporary patches as the "permanent" repair. On some new streets, no resurfacing repairs have been done at all after cutting the surface. The resulting damage to our streets is substantial and ultimately the taxpayers must bear the costs of repairs when Street Services steps in to fix potholes or resurface streets which prematurely fail.

You may recall that two years ago your office hosted a series of meetings with representatives of the Bureau of Contract Administration, Street Services and DWP. The meeting's outcome was that DWP repaired a substantial number of streets in Franklin Hills. To put it mildly, the results were fantastic. We would like to reinstitute these meetings. We would also like to have representatives of the Gas Company and AT&T present.

Please contact me so that we discuss this matter further and arrange our first meeting.

Sincerely,

Ricardo Gomez, Vice-President



