

YOU MAY WANT TO BE AWARE AND GET INVOLVED IN THE FOLLOWING:

1. The Downtown Long Beach Association (DLBA) is a special district currently funded by mandatory assessments on downtown businesses.
2. The assessments are used to fund increased maintenance and security in the downtown area. It is also used for marketing of downtown businesses and was intended to be a business oriented entity.
3. This special district has to be authorized by voters every ten years and the next authorization is due in 2012.
- 4. A change in the interpretation of California law allows this special district to extend its assessments to residential units.**
- 5. The estimate is that this change would cost each homeowner approximately \$150 per year per unit.**
6. The process involves
 - a planning period (going on currently) and then
 - getting signed petitions to put the change on the ballot (early 2012) and then
 - a vote by the affected property owners (early 2012).
7. Take special note that approval would be by a “majority of the weighted assessments” which doesn’t necessarily mean that a majority of property owners. We need to find out more about what this “majority” represents.
8. If you have any knowledge of this process or contacts with the city or the planning process and can make your voice heard early in the planning process, please do so.

An information sheet from the DLBA is available from
<http://www.downtownlongbeach.org/pbidfaq>