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Subject: Peninsula Community Planning Board Request to Prioritize the Loma Portal Street Light Repairs for Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget

The Peninsula Community Planning Board (PCPB) is writing to express our concern for the numerous non-functioning and broken Decorative Streetlights in the Loma Portal area of Point Loma. These outages not only create unsafe conditions for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers but can also contribute to an increase in crime and accidents. Loma Portal's lampposts are not just light sources but exemplify our City's rich history. These lampposts are vital to maintaining the historic integrity of the Loma Portal neighborhood. The PCPB has prioritized the Loma Portal Street Light repairs as one of the communities' highest priorities for the upcoming CIP FY 2025-26 budget year. Please see our CIP priority letter dated September 18, 2024.

Over the past years, the community has been working with your office and staff to prioritize the repair of the Historic Streetlights. The community welcomes the temporary solar repairs, however more action is needed to establish a long-term solution. We understand the old SDG&E circuits need repair/replacement. We request the creation of a CIP project that will upgrade the old circuits, along with salvaging and repairing the Historical poles and lamps. Attached is the list of streets and lamps which require repair.

Well-lit streets are essential for public safety, and prioritizing the repair of the broken streetlights would significantly enhance the safety and security of the Loma portal neighborhood. The PCPB urge the council to allocate resources for this important improvement.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. The PCPB is looking forward to finding a new CIP project to repair the Loma Portal streetlights and bring about positive changes in our community. This letter was approved by the PCPB by a XX vote.

Sincerely,

Frederick W. Cosmo, Jr.,
Chair, PCPB