

# CITY OF CULVER CITY

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*Engineer's Report for:*

**Benefit Assessment District West  
Washington Boulevard No. 1**

**Fiscal Year 2020/21**

Prepared by:



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## Section 1. ENGINEER’S LETTER

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Culver City (the “City”), State of California, under the Culver City Municipal Code (the “CCMC”), adopted its Resolution Initiating Proceedings for the Annual Levy of Assessments and Ordering the Preparation of an Engineer’s Report for the Benefit Assessment District West Washington Boulevard No. 1 (the “District”);

**WHEREAS**, the Resolution of Initiation directed the NBS Government Finance Group, to prepare and file a report presenting plans and specifications describing the general nature, location and extent of the improvements to be maintained, an estimate of cost of the maintenance, operations and servicing of the improvements for the District for the referenced fiscal year, a diagram for the District, showing the area and properties proposed to be assessed, and an assessment of the estimated costs of the maintenance, operations and servicing the improvements, assessing the net amount upon all assessable lots and/or parcels within the District in proportion to the special benefit received;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the following assessment is made to cover the portion of the estimated cost of maintenance, operation and servicing of said improvements to be paid by the assessable real property within the District in proportion to the special benefit received:

### SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT

Item	FY 2020/21 Amount
Total Budget Costs	\$49,250.00
Amount to be carried over from Improvement Fund	(41,846.14)
Total Assessable Budget Costs	\$7,403.86
Total District Parcels	34
Total Assessable Linear Front Footage	1,863.05
Total Assessable Building Square Footage	100,994
Proposed Assessment per Linear Front Foot	\$2.78184
Proposed Assessment per Building Square Foot	\$0.02199
Maximum Assessment per Linear Square Foot	\$8.46312
Maximum Assessment per Building Square Foot	\$0.05975

## Section 2. PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

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The District provides for the continued administration, maintenance, operations, and servicing of various improvements located within the public right-of-way and dedicated easements within the boundaries of the District.

### Description of the District Boundaries

The District is located in the City of Culver City. The boundaries of the District are generally described as that area located west of Wade Street, east of Beethoven Street and along West Washington Boulevard.

### Description of Improvement and Services

The improvements are the operation, maintenance and servicing of seven medians, landscaping, lighting, and appurtenant facilities, including, but not limited to, labor costs, utilities, material, contracting services and any other items necessary for the satisfactory maintenance and operation of the improvements as described below.

Reference is made to the plans and specifications for the improvements, which are on file with the Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency. The table below lists specific improvements within the District to be maintained:

Medians
Landscaping
Lighting
Irrigation

## Section 3. ESTIMATE OF COSTS

The estimated cost of administration, maintenance, operations, and servicing the improvements as described in the Plans and Specifications are summarized below. Each year, as part of the assessment district levy calculation process, the costs and expenses are reviewed and the annual costs are projected for the following fiscal year.

### District Budget

BUDGET ITEM	BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2020/21
<b>ANNUAL DIRECT MAINTENANCE COSTS</b>	
Landscape Maintenance Costs	\$2,400.00
Water Costs	2,500.00
Electricity Costs	2,600.00
Mulch Replacement/Plant Replacement Costs	5,000.00
<b>Subtotal Annual Direct Maintenance Costs</b>	<b>\$12,500.00</b>
<b>ANNUAL ADMINISTRATION COSTS</b>	
City Administration, Public Noticing, and County Fees	\$2,150.00
Consultants	4,600.00
<b>Subtotal Annual Administration Costs</b>	<b>\$6,750.00</b>
<b>Total Annual Costs</b>	<b>\$19,250.00</b>
<b>REPAIR PROJECTS</b>	
Median Repair and Replanting	\$30,000.00
<b>Subtotal Repair Projects</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
<b>Total Budget Costs</b>	<b>\$49,250.00</b>
Amount to be Carried Over from Improvement Fund	(\$41,846.14)
Contributions from Other Sources	0.00
<b>Total Assessable Budget Costs</b>	<b>\$7,403.86</b>
Rounding Adjustment	(0.42)
<b>Total Balance to Levy</b>	<b>\$7,403.44</b>
<b>Total District Parcels</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Total Assessable Linear Front Footage</b>	<b>1,863.05</b>
<b>Total Assessable Building Square Footage</b>	<b>100,994</b>
<b>Assessment Per Linear Front Foot</b>	<b>\$2.78184</b>
<b>Assessment Per Building Square Foot</b>	<b>\$0.02199</b>

It is the intent of the City to establish a reserve within the Improvement Fund that shall not exceed the estimated costs of annual maintenance and servicing to December 10 of the fiscal year, or whenever the City expects to receive its apportionment of special assessments and tax collections from the County, whichever is later. The Improvement Fund balance information for the District is as follows:

Estimated Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020, Improvement Fund Balance	\$46,658.64
Assessment Apportionment from the County for Fiscal Year 2020/21	7,403.44
Estimated Cost of Maintenance and Servicing through June 30, 2021	(49,250.00)
Estimated Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021, Improvement Fund Balance	\$4,812.08

## Definition of Budget Items

The following definitions describe the services and costs included in the District Budget:

### Direct Costs

Landscape Maintenance Costs includes all labor, material and equipment required to properly maintain and ensure the satisfactory condition of all medians, palm trees, landscaping, lighting, and appurtenant facilities, on a bi-monthly basis.

Water Costs includes the furnishing of water required for the operation and maintenance of the landscape and irrigation systems.

Electricity Costs includes the furnishing of electricity required for the operation and maintenance of the palm tree uplights.

Mulch Replenishment Costs includes once annually replenishment of mulch as required for the operation and maintenance of the landscaping and median facilities.

Plant Replacement Costs includes the replacement of plants as required to ensure the satisfactory condition of the landscaping and median facilities (does not include replacement of palm trees).

Irrigation Replacement includes the ongoing repair and replacement of the irrigation systems, including solar controller and rain sensor.

### Administration Costs

City Administration includes the cost to all particular departments and staff of the City for providing the coordination of the District services, operations and maintenance of the improvements, response to public concerns and education, and procedures associated with the levy and collection of assessments.

Consultants include the costs associated with contracting with professionals to provide services specific to the administration of the annual assessment levy.

County Fee includes fees charged by the County of Los Angeles for placing the assessments onto the tax rolls on a yearly basis. This fee is \$0.25 per parcel plus \$50 per district.

### Operating Reserve Collection

Operating Reserve Collection is the amount collected to maintain reserves to enable the City to pay for the operation and maintenance costs to December 10 of the fiscal year. The Reserve Fund Contribution will continue until such a time the Reserve Fund balance is approximately one half of the annual costs. The funds will be allowed to build up gradually in anticipation of any unforeseen expenses not normally included in the

yearly maintenance costs. This may include, but is not limited to, palm tree replacement, repair of damaged equipment due to vandalism, storms, and other similar events.

## Section 4. METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT

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### General

Pursuant to the CCMC and Article XIID, all parcels that have a special benefit conferred upon them as a result of the maintenance and operation of improvements and services shall be identified and the proportionate special benefit derived by each identified parcel shall be determined in relationship to the entire costs of the maintenance and operation of improvements. The net amount to be assessed may be apportioned by any formula or method that fairly distributes the net amount among all assessable lots or parcels. Proposition 218, approved by the voters in November 1996, requires the Agency to separate general benefit from special benefit, where as only special benefit is assessed.

Each parcel within the District receives special and direct benefit from the improvements and associated appurtenances located within the public rights-of-ways located within the District, due to the proximity of said improvements.

### Special Benefit

The landscape and median improvements were installed by the Successor Agency to the Culver City Redevelopment Agency and the continued maintenance is guaranteed through the establishment (formation) of the District. Since these improvements are for the benefit of the properties within the District and those properties also benefit from the maintenance of the improvements, only the property owners within the District are assessed for the said maintenance of improvements.

In addition, the improvements confer a particular and distinct special benefit upon all parcels within the District because of the nature of the improvements. The ongoing and proper maintenance of landscaping improves the aesthetic appeal of the properties within the District providing a positive representation as well as the enhanced desirability of properties through association with the improvements. This increase in the value provides a distinct special benefit to the parcels within the District, which includes higher occupancy rates, increased rentals and lower vacancies. According to Judith Guido, Director of Marketing for LandCareUSA, landscaping can increase the resale value of a building up to 14% and speed up the sale of a building by 6 weeks. The installation and maintenance of raised medians improve both pedestrian and traffic safety to those either walking or driving within the District. According to the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, raised medians provide pedestrian protection by “reducing pedestrian involved crashes by 45 percent and fatalities by 78 percent” and after analysis of crash data in seven states, “raised medians reduce crashes by over 40 percent in urban areas.” The parcels within the District receive a distinct special benefit as their primary use is business/retail, and studies have proven that greenery and associated landscaping attract shoppers to the area as well as stimulate economic growth (Kathleen Wolf, University of Washington: Economic and Public Value of Urban Forests). Also, according to Virginia Cooperative Extension, a recent study has found that consumers are willing to pay a premium of up to 12% for goods purchased in retail establishments that are accompanied by quality landscaping. The ongoing and proper maintenance of the landscaping and appurtenant facilities specially benefits parcels within the District by enhancing the environmental quality of the parcels and making them more desirable by improving air quality, providing shade from solar radiation, reducing temperatures through evaporation and transpiration and absorbing heat (according to data from Planet, professional landscape network). All of

the above-mentioned items contribute to a specific enhancement and special benefit of the properties within the District.

## General Benefit

In addition to the special benefits received by the parcels within the District, there are incidental general benefits conferred by the proposed improvements. It is recognized that the proper maintenance of the medians and landscaping improvements provide only an incidental benefit to the public at large, including traffic and pedestrian safety for those passing through the District. Also, according to Projectevergreen.com Economic Fact Sheet, the installation and proper maintenance of landscaping can protect the City's drainage systems. In addition, the proper maintenance of landscaping, lighting and appurtenant facilities reduces property-related crimes (especially vandalism) against properties located in the vicinity of the improvements (Diane Relf, Extension Specialist and Environmental Horticulture of Virginia Tech). Finally, the proper maintenance of landscaping provides a positive visual experience to persons passing through the District, which is only an incidental benefit. All of the aforementioned constitutes incidental general benefits conferred by the improvements.

The total benefits thus are a combination of the special benefits to the parcels within the District and the general benefits to the public at large and to the adjacent properties. Because the median and landscaping improvements are located immediately in front of the properties within the District, and is maintained for the benefit of said properties, any benefit received by properties outside the District is merely coincidental. Nonetheless, the City has agreed to ensure that no property is assessed in excess of the reasonable cost of the proportional special benefit conferred upon that property.

## Method of Assessment Spread

Each of the parcels within the District is deemed to receive special benefit from the improvements. Each parcel that has a special benefit conferred upon them as a result of the maintenance and operation of improvements are identified and the proportionate special benefit derived by each identified parcel is determined in relationship to the entire costs of the maintenance and operation of the improvements. The initial, base year, maximum assessment rates per linear front foot and building square foot were determined as follows:

$$\text{Assessment per Linear Front Foot} = (\text{Total Costs} \times 0.70) / \text{Total District Linear Front Feet}$$

$$\text{Assessment per Building Square Foot} = (\text{Total Costs} \times 0.30) / \text{Total District Building Square Feet}$$

Changes to the underlying characteristics of a parcel, such as increases/decreases in building square footage, will cause this 70/30 relationship to change. However, maximum assessment rates in the future will be determined by increasing these initial assessment rates by a Cost of Living Inflation, as described later in this report.

Only parcels that receive direct special benefit are assessed, and each parcel is assessed in proportion to the estimated benefit received, in accordance with the formula listed below:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Parcel's Linear Front Footage X} \\ \text{Assessment per Linear Foot} \end{array} + \begin{array}{l} \text{Parcel's Building Square Footage X} \\ \text{Assessment per Building Square Foot} \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} \text{Assessment Per} \\ \text{Parcel} \end{array}$$

There are 34 total parcels within the District, with 1,863.05 total linear front feet and 100,994 total building square feet. The assessment is spread as follows:

Fiscal Year 2020/21 Total Assessable Budget Costs	\$49,250.00
Total District Linear Front Footage	1,863.05
Total District Building Square Footage	100,994
<b>Fiscal Year 2020/21 Assessment per Linear Front Foot</b>	<b>\$2.78184</b>
<b>Fiscal Year 2020/21 Assessment per Building Square Foot</b>	<b>\$0.02199</b>

### Cost of Living Inflator

The maximum assessments in future years will be based upon the initial, base year, assessment rates, as determined using the methodology above. The proposed maximum assessment sets the initial maximum assessment and is stated in Fiscal Year 2009/10 dollars. As of February 1 of each fiscal year beginning Fiscal Year 2010/11, the maximum assessment amount shall be increased by the February Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim area (formerly for the Los Angeles, Riverside and Orange County area). The annual assessment shall not exceed the maximum assessment, unless the appropriate Proposition 218 proceedings are conducted by the City to authorize an increase beyond the maximum assessment amount.

The following table shows the historical maximum and actual assessments for the District:

FISCAL YEAR	CPI	MAXIMUM ASSESSMENT PER LINEAR FRONT FOOT	MAXIMUM ASSESSMENT PER BUILDING SQUARE FOOT	ACTUAL ASSESSMENT PER LINEAR FRONT FOOT	ACTUAL ASSESSMENT PER BUILDING SQUARE FOOT
2009/10	-	\$6.72534	\$0.04748	\$5.41000	\$0.04000
2010/11	+1.44%	6.82195	0.04816	5.50690	0.03888
2011/12	+2.27%	6.97712	0.04926	1.41160	0.00997
2012/13	+2.09%	7.12314	0.05029	4.22491	0.02983
2013/14	+2.22%	7.28156	0.05141	7.27143	0.05134
2014/15	+0.54%	7.32122	0.05169	3.69904	0.02612
2015/16	+0.10%	7.32845	0.05174	4.15047	0.02930
2016/17	+2.41%	7.50509	0.05299	7.50509	0.05299
2017/18	+2.71%	7.70864	0.05442	4.79401	0.03796
2018/19	+3.62%	7.98796	0.05640	5.89893	0.04664
2019/20	+2.51%	8.18829	0.05781	8.17131	0.05769
2020/21	+3.36%	8.46312	0.05975	2.78184	0.02199

## Section 5. ASSESSMENT DIAGRAM

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An Assessment Diagram for the District has been submitted to the City Clerk in the format required under the provision of the CCMC. The lines and dimensions shown on maps of the County Assessor of the County of Los Angeles for the current year are incorporated by reference herein and are made a part of this Report.

# ASSESSMENT DIAGRAM

## BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT WEST WASHINGTON BOULEVARD NO. 1

CITY OF CULVER CITY  
 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

APN	Assessment Number
4230-023-001	1
4230-023-002	2
4230-023-005	3
4230-023-027	4
4230-023-036	5
4231-027-001	6
4231-027-004	7
4231-027-008	8
4231-027-029	9
4231-027-030	10
4231-027-031	11
4231-027-902	12
4231-028-001	13
4231-028-024	14
4231-028-025	15
4231-028-026	16
4231-028-027	17
4231-028-028	18
4231-028-037	19
4231-028-038	20
4231-028-039	21
4231-028-040	22
4236-020-001	23
4236-020-002	24
4236-020-003	25
4236-020-004	26
4236-020-005	27
4236-020-006	28
4236-021-001	29
4236-021-002	30
4236-021-003	31
4236-021-004	32
4236-021-005	33
4236-021-006	34
4236-021-900	35
4236-021-901	36
4236-021-902	37
4236-021-903	38

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY  
 THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

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 CITY CLERK  
 CITY OF CULVER CITY  
 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

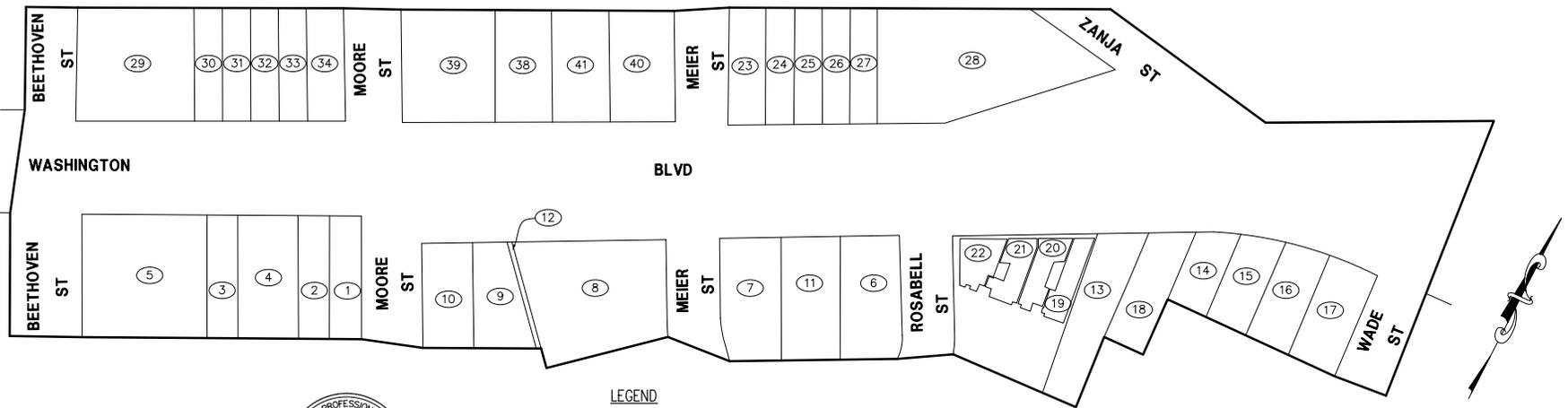
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE WITHIN DIAGRAM SHOWING THE PROPOSED FORMATION OF BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT WEST WASHINGTON BOULEVARD NO. 1, CITY OF CULVER CITY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA WAS APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF HELD ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_, BY ITS RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_.

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 CITY CLERK  
 CITY OF CULVER CITY  
 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

FILED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_, AT THE HOUR OF \_\_\_\_\_ O'CLOCK \_\_\_\_ M., IN BOOK \_\_\_\_\_ AT PAGE \_\_\_\_\_ OF MAPS OF ASSESSMENT AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICTS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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 DEPUTY  
 COUNTY RECORDER  
 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

NOTE: FOR A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE LINES AND DIMENSIONS OF EACH PARCEL WITHIN THE DISTRICT REFER TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ASSESSOR'S MAPS.



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**LEGEND**

- BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BOUNDARY
- PARCEL LINES
- (28) ASSESSMENT NUMBER

**GRAPHIC SCALE**



SCALE: 1" = 80'

## Section 6. ASSESSMENT ROLL

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Parcel Identification, for each lot or parcel within the District, shall be the parcel as shown on the Los Angeles County Assessor's map for the year in which this Report is prepared.

A listing of parcels assessed within the District, along with the assessment amounts, is included on the following page. If any parcel submitted for collection is identified by the County Auditor/Controller to be an invalid parcel number for the current fiscal year, a corrected parcel number and/or new parcel numbers will be identified and resubmitted to the County Auditor/Controller. The assessment amount to be levied and collected for the resubmitted parcel(s) shall be based on the method of apportionment spread approved in this Report. Therefore, if a single parcel has changed to multiple parcels, the assessment amounts applied to each of the new parcels shall be recalculated and applied according to the approved method of apportionment spread rather than a proportionate share of the original assessment.

**CITY OF CULVER CITY**  
**BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT WEST WASHINGTON BOULEVARD NO. 1**

**ASSESSMENT ROLL**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2020/21**

Assessor's Parcel Number	Assessment Number	Owner	Linear Front Footage	Levy Linear Front Footage	Building Square Footage	Levy Building Square Footage	Total Assesment
4230-023-001	1	KIGAWA STEVE H AND LAURA M TRS	27.31	\$75.97	2,300	\$50.58	\$126.54
4230-023-002	2	KIGAWA STEVE H AND LAURA M TRS	25.00	69.55	864	19.00	88.54
4230-023-005	3	SAQQARA INC	25.00	69.55	0	0.00	69.54
4230-023-027	4	SANTA MONICA PIER STREET LP	25.00	69.55	3,700	81.37	150.90
4230-023-036	5	SAQQARA INC	102.30	284.58	2,040	44.87	329.44
4231-027-001	6	BERKE FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	56.50	157.17	3,370	74.12	231.28
4231-027-004	7	FLECK JEFFREY CO TR	56.50	157.17	3,736	82.17	239.32
4231-027-008	8	ROCKVIEW DAIRIES INC	153.56	427.18	5,000	109.96	537.12
4231-027-029	9	WASHINGTON AND MOORE LLC	32.96	91.69	2,409	52.98	144.66
4231-027-030	10	ROWELL JAMES AND EULENE TRS	50.83	141.40	3,111	68.42	209.82
4231-027-031	11	FLECK JEFFREY CO TR	56.00	155.78	3,248	71.43	227.20
4231-027-902	12	CULVER CITY	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
4231-028-001	13	IRANI GEVE	50.00	139.09	744	16.36	155.44
4231-028-026	16	MONTELEONE ROBERT E CO TR	43.50	121.01	664	14.60	135.60
4231-028-027	17	WASHINGTON BLVD INVESTMENTS INC	55.19	153.53	1,626	35.76	189.28
4231-028-029	18	IRANI GEVE K	45.91	127.71	3,232	71.08	198.78
4231-028-037	19	MOSES ALBALAS O D INC	21.20	58.97	1,860	40.91	99.86
4231-028-039	21	HSU GARY L CO TR	29.30	81.51	1,860	40.91	122.40
4231-028-040	22	RIOS MARINA CORTINOVIS L DDS INC	48.40	134.64	1,870	41.13	175.76
4231-028-058	20	REGAL LEASE SERVICES LLC	35.60	99.03	1,820	40.03	139.04
4231-028-059	14-15	KEYVAN FARROKH AND ZOHREH TRS	90.38	251.42	2,701	59.40	310.82
4236-020-001	23	TRIANGLE CENTRE LP	32.70	90.97	2,450	53.88	144.84
4236-020-002	24	TRIANGLE CENTRE LP	25.00	69.55	0	0.00	69.54
4236-020-003	25	TRIANGLE CENTRE LP	25.00	69.55	0	0.00	69.54
4236-020-004	26	TRIANGLE CENTRE LP	25.00	69.55	0	0.00	69.54
4236-020-005	27	TRIANGLE CENTRE LP	25.00	69.55	0	0.00	69.54
4236-020-006	28	TRIANGLE CENTRE LP	219.05	609.36	13,946	306.71	916.06
4236-021-001	29	UPWARD BOUND HOUSE	107.70	299.60	6,875	151.20	450.80
4236-021-002	30	ONTIVEROS ANGELA	25.00	69.55	1,400	30.79	100.32
4236-021-003	31	ROCKENWAGNER HANS & PATRICIA	25.00	69.55	1,120	24.63	94.16
4236-021-004	32	MOSKOWITZ M AND L TRS	25.00	69.55	1,585	34.86	104.38
4236-021-005	33	MOSKOWITZ M AND L TRS	25.00	69.55	1,875	41.24	110.76
4236-021-006	34	MOSER RETA C	32.73	91.05	1,588	34.92	125.96
4236-021-084	35-36-37-38	CCMU LLC	240.43	668.84	24,000	527.83	1,196.66
<b>Totals:</b>			<b>1,863.05</b>	<b>\$5,182.70</b>	<b>100,994</b>	<b>\$2,221.16</b>	<b>\$7,403.44</b>