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To:
Subject: Local Improvement District Petition for Sanitary Sewers

One or more of your neighbors is interested in receiving public sanitary sewer service.
Your neighbors are circulating a petition to request that Clean Water Services Board of Directors authorize an engineering study to determine the type of facilities that would be required, the estimated project cost, the method of assessment, and the cost to each property. If you are potentially interested in forming a Local Improvement District, please contact the person listed below to sign the petition.

Name _____
Address _____
_____
Phone _____
Email _____

If the Board of Directors authorizes the engineering study, Clean Water Services staff will hold neighborhood meetings to discuss the process and potential project. The following information provides a basic introduction to the Local Improvement District process.

***What is a Local Improvement District (LID)?***
Some neighborhoods lack necessary local improvements such as streetlights, road maintenance, or sanitary sewers. Because these services provide a benefit to specific properties, they are not funded from general funds or taxes. One way property owners can build and finance these local improvements is by forming a Local Improvement District (LID).The appropriate local authority administers the LID and offers financing to help property owners manage their share of the cost.

***Who Needs a Sanitary Sewer LID?***
If you are within the Urban Growth Area and have a septic system or your property lacks sanitary sewers, you might need or want to bring sewer service to your property in order to address a failing septic system, add on to your existing home, or further develop your property. Because sewer construction is costly and usually benefits a number of properties, a Local Improvement District allows all of the neighbors to share the cost of building the sewer.

***Do Property Owners Have a Say in the LID Process?***
Yes! The process usually begins with a petition from property owners in the area who are interested in learning more about the cost to bring sanitary sewer service to their neighborhood. Clean Water Services encourages your active participation at informal meetings before an LID is formed and throughout the project. You'll help decide the design, route, and how to fairly share the costs. Clean Water Services will hold several meetings with property owners throughout the preliminary design process. Property owners

will cast a ballot indicating their support or opposition to the LID before a recommendation is made to the Board of Directors on formation of the LID.

All potentially affected property owners are invited to attend and participate in the public hearing where the Board of Directors will make the final decision about formation. The Board of Directors cannot form the LID if more than 50% of the property owners who own more than 50% of the property object to the LID, unless a public health hazard exists that must be remedied.

***Are There Alternatives to an LID?***

The Local Sewer Improvement program allows a property owner or group of owners to build the sewer and eventually recover part of the cost when other properties connect. For more information on how to have a project designated as a Local Sewer Improvement, please call the Engineering Division at (503) 681-3615.

**For More Information**

The Clean Water Services staff is glad to answer your questions. Please call the Engineering Division at (503) 681-3615.