

Underground Utility Assessment District (UUAD) Survey Results

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Background

- 2017 – End of UUAD Moratorium
- 2017 to 2022 – Approx. 40 property owners from 15 different areas express interest in undergrounding
- 2022 – Council authorizes Biennial UUAD Survey



Survey Format

- Similar to 2006 survey
- One question
- Response options:
 - Complete online, OR
 - Paper survey, submitted
 - In-person
 - Via email
 - USPS

Return By: FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH, 2023

Please note that voting in this survey does not automatically move forward the process for utility undergrounding.

OFFICIAL SURVEY
This is not a Ballot or Bill



Survey Code: «CODE»
Assessor Parcel Number: «APNSTRING»
Owner Name: «MAILOWNER»
Property Address: «SITUSADDR»

Assuming the estimated cost ranges provided below, would you be interested in having your property at «SITUSADDR» included in an Underground Utility Assessment District?

Estimated Range of Assessment Amounts (per parcel, in today's dollars)¹: \$30,000 - \$60,000

Estimated Range of Private Conversion Costs (per parcel, in today's dollars)²: \$10,000 - \$20,000

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I would consider supporting utility undergrounding given these estimated costs.	<input type="checkbox"/> No, I am opposed to owner-funded utility undergrounding given these estimated costs.
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Date _____ Owner Printed Name _____ Owner Signature _____

¹ Apportionment of undergrounding costs is not directly attributable to parcel size. However, larger parcels within a district are generally assessed greater amounts than smaller parcels. Individual assessments are determined based on the amount of benefit a parcel receives relative to other parcels within the district. Assessments can be paid upfront in cash after a UOAD is formed, or they can be applied to an individual's property tax bill for a period of 20 years.

² In addition to the assessment, each homeowner may or may not incur additional private property expenses. Conversion expenses depend on property characteristics such as the trenching distance needed from the front property line to the house connection point. Since every house is unique, the City is not able to accurately estimate what this additional cost will be for individual homes. Properties with existing underground utility connections generally have no private conversion costs or very low conversion costs relative to those properties with existing overhead connections. Private property conversion expenses **cannot** be financed in conjunction with the proposed assessment unless the homeowner qualifies for a City-sponsored deferral program.

The survey must be completed by the property owner to be considered valid. Only one survey may be submitted for each legal parcel. If you own multiple properties, a separate survey must be submitted for each property.

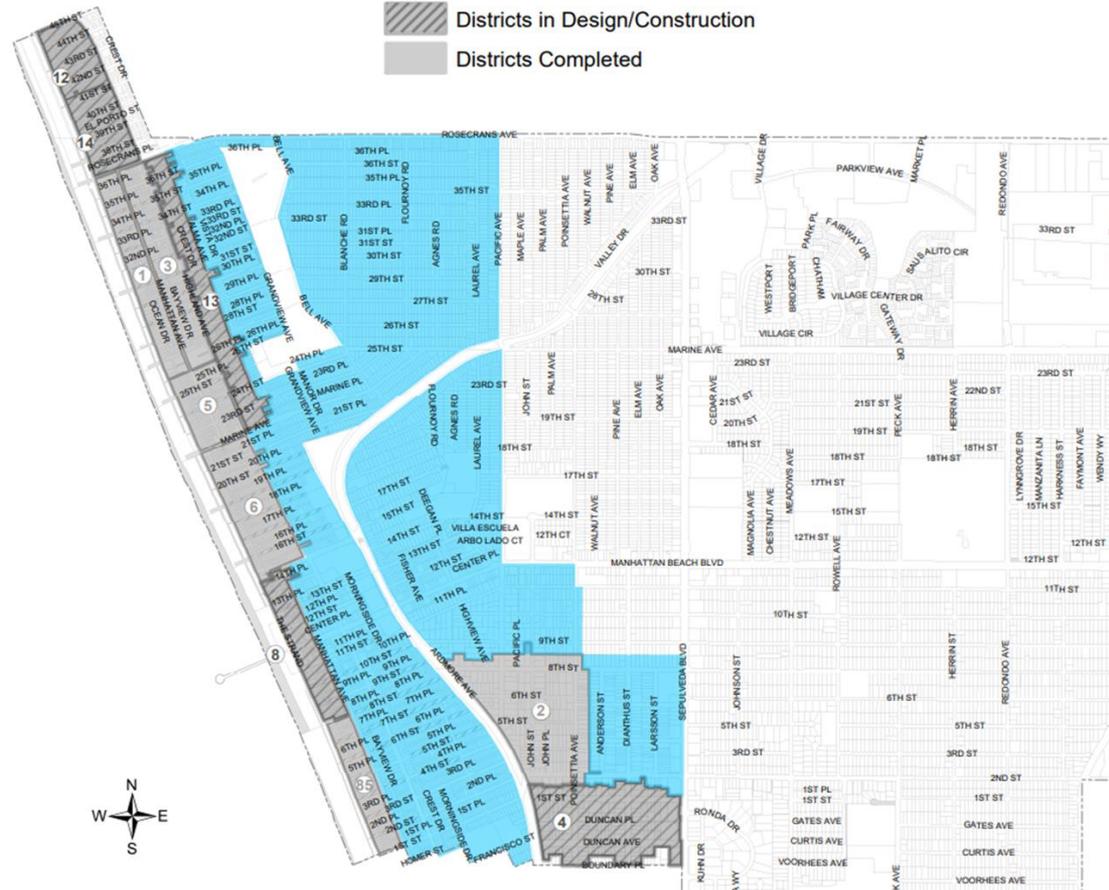
Surveys must be completed online OR returned by **Friday, August 25th** and can be submitted using **one** of the methods listed below.

- Complete online by visiting www.manhattanbeach.gov/uuadsurvey or scanning the QR code at right; or
- Scan or photograph this form and e-mail to: bcardenas@manhattanbeach.gov; or
- Drop off to the front desk of Manhattan Beach City Hall at 1400 Highland Avenue.



Survey Area

- Survey Areas
- Districts in Design/Construction
- Districts Completed

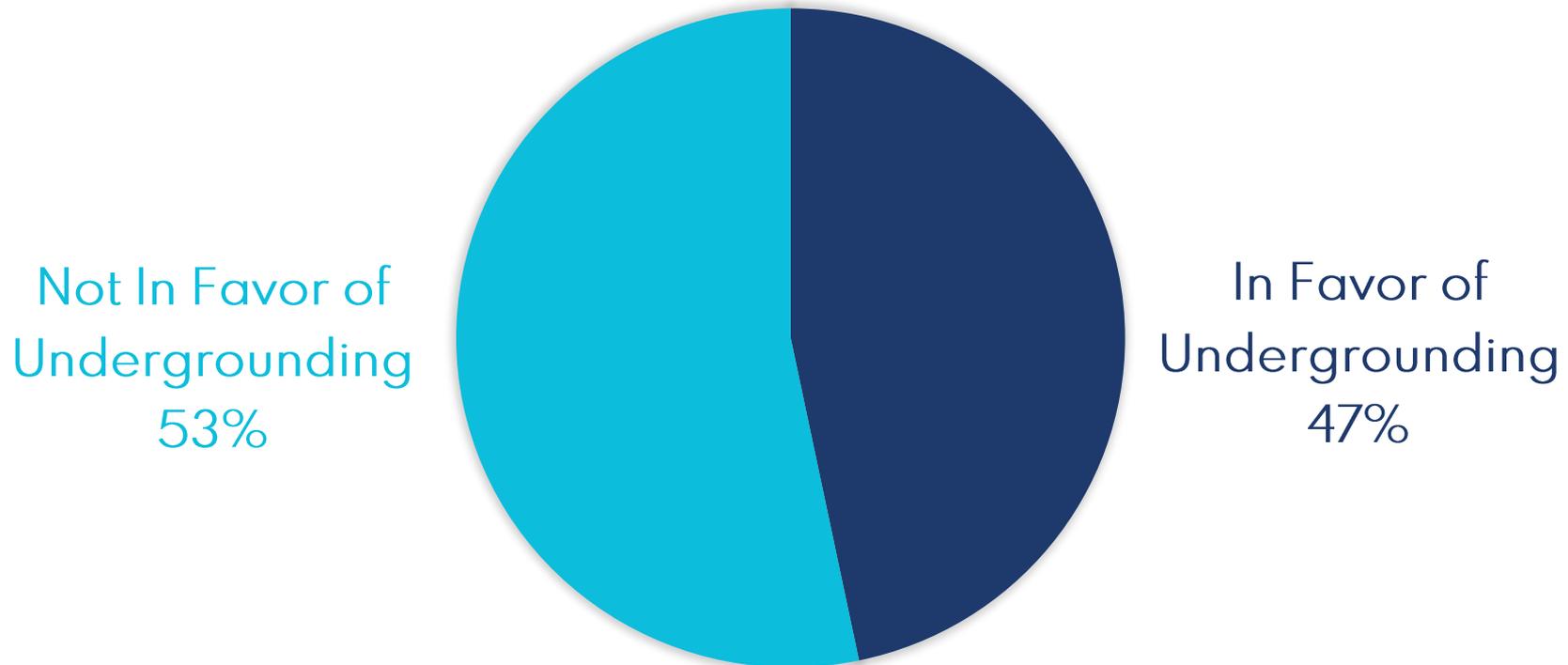


- Included areas of previously expressed interest
- Approx. 4,200 surveys mailed in August 2023

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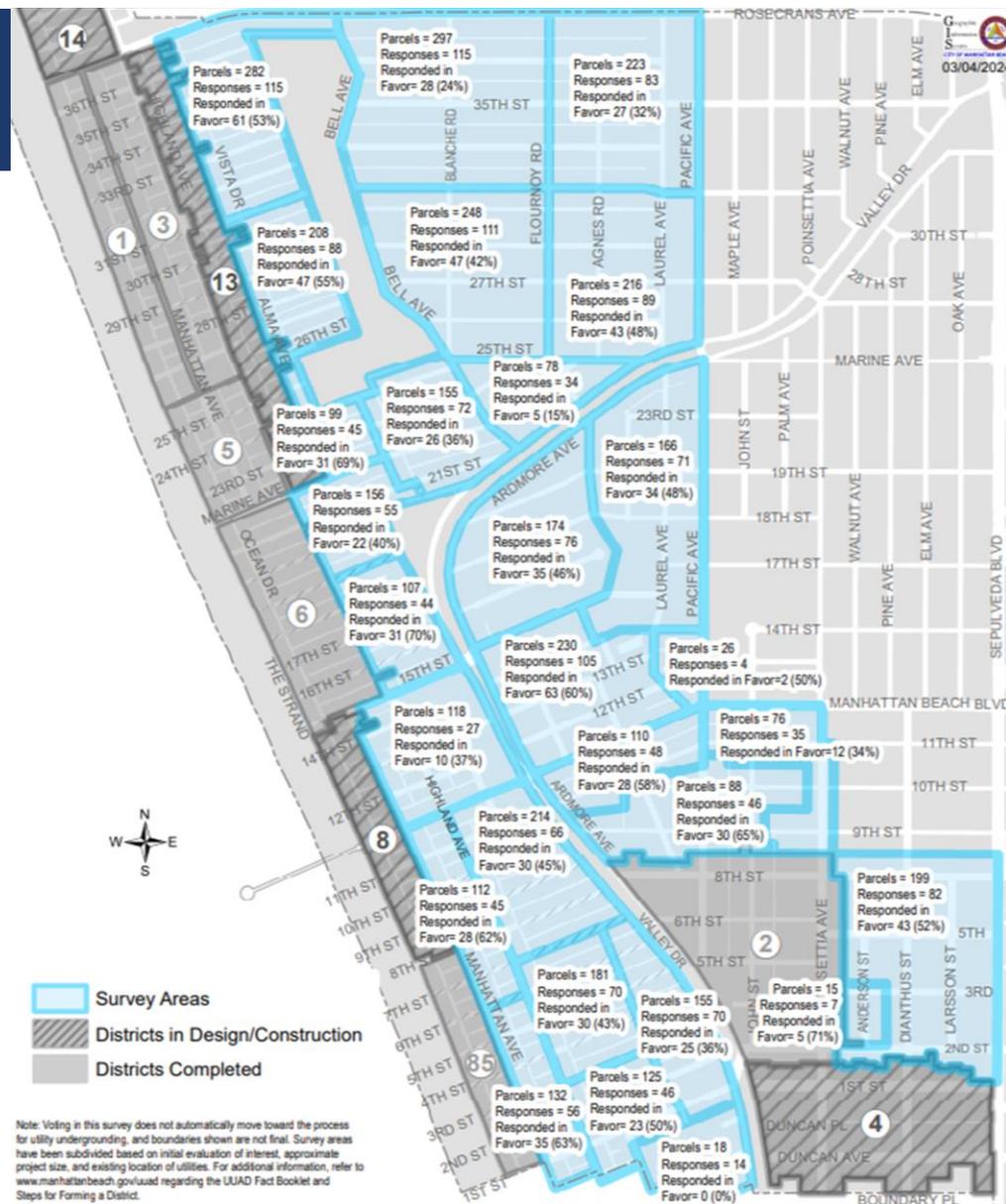
Survey Results

- 1,734 Responses Received (41% Response Rate)



Mapped Results

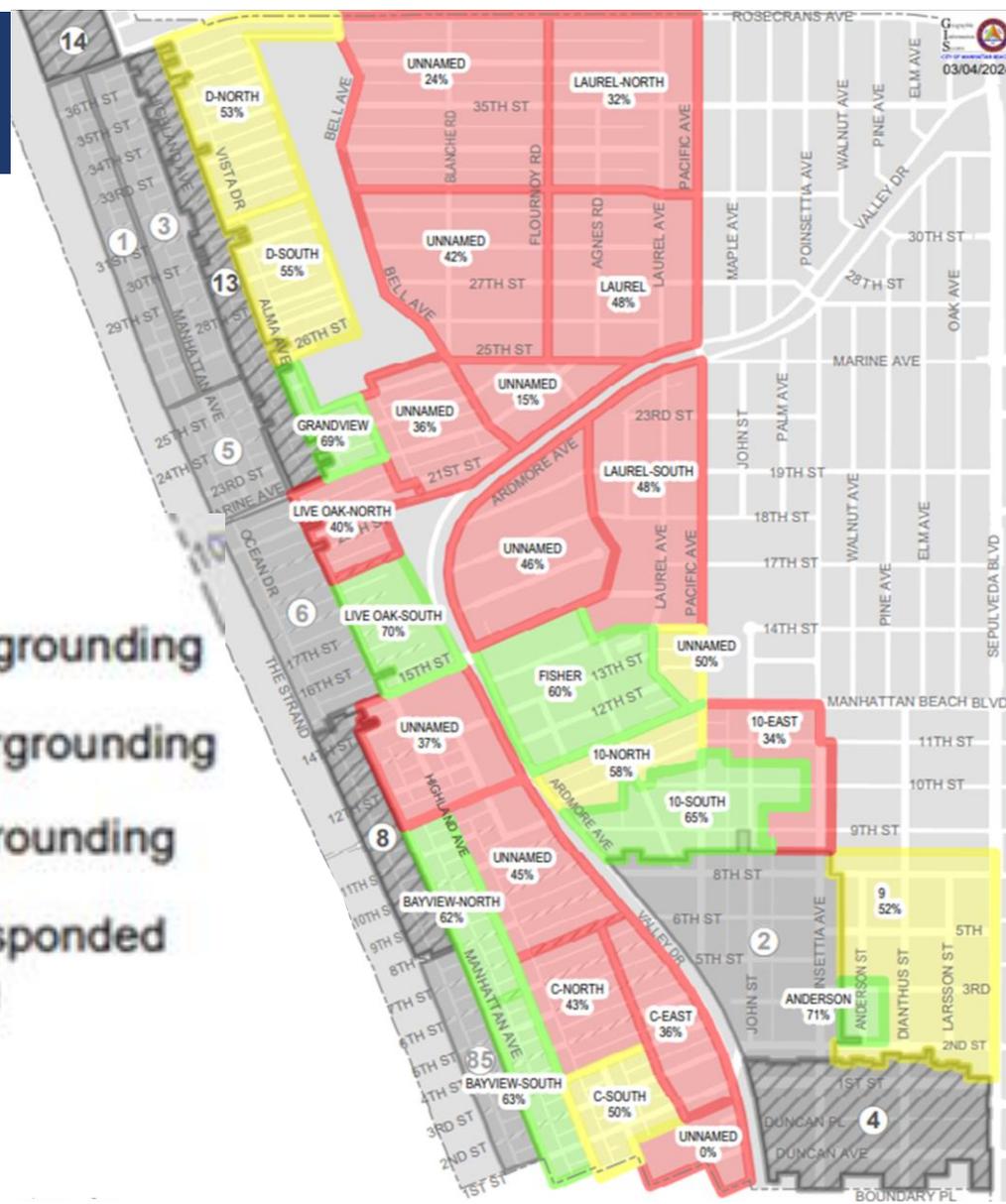
- Survey Area was divided along physical boundaries
- Further subdivided into sub-areas with similar support for undergrounding
- For each sub-area, the % of responses in favor of undergrounding was calculated



Data Analysis

Survey Areas

- $\geq 60\%$ Support for Undergrounding
- 50-59% Support for Undergrounding
- $< 50\%$ Support for Undergrounding
- XX%** Percent of owners who responded in favor of undergrounding



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Locations of Most Significant Support

- 7 Sub-Areas with $\geq 60\%$ in favor of undergrounding, based on survey results
- 1 Additional location outside the 2023 Survey Area with approximately 94% support (1300 Block of Voorhees)
- 66% of Property Owners must support undergrounding in order to initiate the design process



Staff Recommendations

1. Receive and File Results of 2023 UUAD Survey
2. Direct Staff to Focus New District Formation Efforts in Areas Exhibiting the Greatest Amount of Property Owner Support
3. Allow Subsets of Potential Districts to Move Forward if the Surrounding Blocks are Not Supportive of Undergrounding



