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LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT




BRIAN L. CUMMINGS
FIRE CHIEF

June 26, 2012

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FILE NO. 12-106

TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM: Brian L. Cummings, Fire Chief 

SUBJECT: PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR THE 2011
BRUSH CLEARANCE ASSESSMENT APPEALS

FOR INFORMATION ONLY:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Received & Filed	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Recommendations: That the Board:

1. Approve the hearing officers "Proposed Decisions and Recommendations."
2. Direct Fire Department to mail the notification letter to the property owner regarding the Board of Fire Commissioners findings, conclusion and proposed assessment.
3. Transmit the Board of Fire Commissioners approved report and proposed decision of the hearing officers to the City Attorney.
4. Transmit the Board of Fire Commissioners approved report to the Mayor for placement on the City Council calendar.
5. Upon City Council adoption of the report, direct the Fire Department to forward the report to the Los Angeles County Tax Collector for placement on the Los Angeles County 2012 Property Tax rolls.

Summary:

Invoices setting forth the cost of abatement, administrative fee and/or a noncompliance fee were mailed to property owners. A letter was included in the invoice informing the property owner if they wished to present evidence that shows cause why the property should not be assessed for the cost of abatement or not be assessed in the amount specified in the invoice, the Fire Department would scheduled them for a hearing.

The Brush Clearance Unit held the 2011 Brush Clearance Assessment Appeals at the Marvin Braude Center located in San Fernando Valley from April 16 through April 26, 2012.

This year the Fire Department received 86 requests from property owners who chose to appeal the imposed assessment. The cases were randomly distributed to the hearing officers in keeping with the recent California Supreme Court's decision regarding administrative hearings and the City Attorney's recommendation in this matter.

Findings:

The hearing officers have considered the evidence and they have received testimony from departmental personnel with respect to the existence of a nuisance and cost of abatement.

The report identifies and includes the name and mailing address of the owner of each parcel from which a fire nuisance was abated. In addition, the reports include the substance of protest, departmental information and proposed decision and recommendation as to whether or not the proposed assessment should be: (1) confirmed in the amount set forth in the invoice, (2) waived, or (3) confirmed in an amount less than set forth in the invoice.

Conclusion:

Upon approval, a transmittal to the attached "Report, Proposed Decision and Recommendations" by the Board of Fire Commissioners will be sent to the City Council for adoption and placement on the Los Angeles County 2012 Tax rolls. This will conclude the 2011 Brush Clearance Assessment Appeals.

Board report was prepared by Robert Knight, Captain II, Brush Clearance Unit.

Attachments

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June 26, 2012

Dear Property Owner:

The Board of Fire Commissioners has concluded its portion of the 2011 Brush Clearance Appeals process and it has approved the attached copy of the report and proposed decision of the hearing officer. The approved report will be transmitted to the City Clerk for placement on the City Council's calendar.

A copy of the hearing officer's complete 2008 report is available for review at the Brush Clearance Unit located at 6262 Van Nuys Boulevard, Suite 451, Van Nuys, California 91401. If you have questions regarding your 2012 inspections or notices you may have received, please call the Brush Clearance Unit at (818) 374-1111 for more information.

You may submit newly discovered or additional evidence that was not presented at the time of your hearing before the Board of Fire Commissioners. All newly discovered or additional evidence must be in writing and addressed to the City Council, c/o City Clerk. You will be given an opportunity to present this new or additional evidence before the Public Safety Committee of the City Council for review. The Public Safety Committee will make a recommendation for final action by the City Council based on the new or additional evidence and the recommendation of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Please provide seven (7) copies for distribution.

The Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2012. The address is: 200 North Spring Street, Room 1010, City Hall, Los Angeles, California 90012. Please be advised that the meeting date and time are subject to change. To verify the Committee's meeting date and time, please contact John White at (213) 978-1072.

Thank you for your courtesy and patience throughout the appeal process and please remember that brush clearance is a year-round responsibility

Very truly yours,

Genethia Hudley-Hayes, President
Board of Fire Commissioners

Attachment

PAGE	APN	Owner Name	Council District
3	2017002035	WEST HILLS LP	12
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7	2075004035	MICHAEL A GESAS AND LOREN GESAS	3
8	2075037003	GYONJYAN, KARO	3
9	2167019010	GOROBETS, VADIM AND ALINA AND	3
10	2168011040	MOTAMEDI, SHAYAN	3
11	2169021056	TEHRANI, MEHRDAD	3
12	2172013053	PALACIOS, CONSUELO A	3
13	2175022007	LEVITT, KENNETH L	3
14	2274022007	MEVORAKH, BARAK AND	5
15	2369016021	3965 CARPENTER LLC	2
16	2557004022	COTTON, BRIAN I	2
17	2560034014	MARI LORI PROPERTIES LLC	2
18	2560034015	MARI LORI PROPERTIES LLC	2
19	2562014003	ABBHEY-MOH INC	2
20	2562014004	ABBHEY-MOH INC	2
21	2562014006	ABBHEY-MOH INC	2
22	2564020015	ANNINOS, PHILIP T CO TR	2
23	2564030025	HASHEMI, BEHROUZ	2
24	2569005005	GONZALEZ, CONRADO E AND JULIA R	2
25	2569005007	CHA, EUN S TR	2
26	2601067005	AMSTER, SEYMOUR I AND LISA B	12
27	2606027058	PENDON, RABBILITO	12
28	2706003025	SHOHET, HOUSHANG C	12
30	2722011009	ALHINNAWI, FAROUK	12
32	2722011010	FAR EAST NATIONAL BANK	12
34	2723005049	COLMER, WAYNE AND ROBERTA TRS	12
36	2727022032	CHAND, KARNAIL AND SAROJ TRS	12
37	2822020010	WILSON, FREDRICK A TR	12
39	2870004027	ANDERSEN, ALLEN K AND BETTE T TRS	12
40	4371016033	BORUNDA, JOHN Z AND BARBARA	5
41	4383025029	HUGHES, MARILYN K	5
42	4419002001	GHYSELS, STEPHEN AND ELIZABETH	11
43	5206019004	MARTINEZ, GABRIEL AND MARISA	1
44	5214004001	SILVER DISCOUNT PROPERTIES LLC	14
45	5214004015	ZHU, JUNFENG	14
46	5214004023	MARTINEZ, ROBERTO	14
47	5214005023	MORALES, CARLOS SR AND EMMA	14
48	5223009006	GUTIERREZ, GERTRUDE TR	14
50	5223009007	GUTIERREZ, GERTRUDE TR	14
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54	5223009010	GUTIERREZ, GERTRUDE TR	14
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60	5443024001	DINGMAN, JOE L	13
61	5446003023	JETMAS	1
63	5452012014	SADEGHI, MANSOUR M AND SHIVA	1
64	5452013002	CONNAUGHTON, ALEX J	1
66	5452016026	MAR AND COMPANY INC	1
68	5452018001	LIU, JOSEPH	1
69	5452018016	JIE CAO	1
70	5452018022	BICH HONG VO	1
71	5452018023	WU, DAVID AND	1
72	5452018025	CAO, JIE	1
73	5454006025	AYALA, ARTHUR L JR AND LORENZA	1
74	5454009005	LIZARDO, JOSE L AND ROSA M	1
75	5454009006	LIZARDO, JOSE L AND ROSA M	1
76	5454009019	AGUILAR, MANFREDO AND MARTA	1
77	5454011033	KNOWLAND CONSTRUCTION	1
78	5462008033	VINZANT, GLENN R	14
79	5464003028	LEE, KI H AND	14
80	5467024005	BEST WORKERS COMP E LLC	14
81	5467025014	CHIN, WILLIAM AND DARLENE TRS	14
83	5467025023	ARSHAD, MOHAMMAD M	14
84	5471015020	HOLY VIRGIN MARY COPTIC	14
85	5471017015	SERAYDARIAN, GEORGE AND SONIA TRS	14
86	5471020015	WASHINGTON, DALE	14
87	5471020016	WASHINGTON, DALE	14
88	5472004042	BRASELTON, HOYT TR	14
89	5477008001	HOMES FOR LIFE FOUNDATION	14
90	5479003002	WILDWOOD DEVELOPMENT LLC	14
91	5479003003	CELEDON, PEDRO P AND	14
92	5479003030	WILDWOOD DEVELOPMENT LLC	14
93	5479004008	ROS, PROSPERO A AND	14
94	5479004011	ESQUEDA, LARRY AND ROSA	14
95	5479004020	CASTELLANOS, MIGUEL AND MICHELLE	14
96	5480032025	PHAM, HUYEN LE	14
97	5526016017	GAON, SARAH	14
98	5549026007	DUONG, DAO	4
99	5560003015	KAPLAN, PETER D TR	5
100	5569014017	SYNN, GORDON	4
101	5579007022	EDELIST, ALLEN TR ET AL	4
102	5689005015	MESHKIN, MATT	14
103	7411026023	WALTERS, ROBERT A TR	14
104	5464030027	ROY,GARY	1

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 19, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011181022
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 12

NAME: WEST HILLS LP

MAILING ADDRESS: 1900 AVENUE OF THE STARS STE 1800
LOS ANGELES CA 90067

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L S/W CORNER OF RAYEN ST & AZU

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2017002035 / INVOICE NO: BC12000014

ASSESSMENT: \$1,182.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$244.00	\$938.00	\$1,182.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant provided a business card and estimate for cleanup dated June 11, 2011, in the amount of \$500.00 from Mr. Ignacio Baraga's, who runs a landscaping and gardening service. Appellant stated Mr. Baraga's completed the work sometime around mid-August 2011.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 30, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. A Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on July 26, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and the work was completed on August 9, 2011. However, there are no photographs on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. However, the Department presented insufficient documentation to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, given the above circumstances that the Contactor's photographs are not found in the file, it is this Hearing Officer's recommendation that the appellant's Total Assessment be waived.

The total assessment due is \$0.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 23, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011181023
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 12

NAME: HANSON, DAVID W AND LIBERTY

MAILING ADDRESS: 17163 GLEDHILL ST
NORTHRIDGE, CA 91325

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L 75FT S/O 24178 JENSEN DR

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2017014008 / INVOICE NO: BC12000089

ASSESSMENT: \$1,138.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$200.00	\$938.00	\$1,138.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The appellant appeared at the Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing scheduled for April 23, 2012, and stated that he believed that all of the required brush clearance had been properly completed by him prior to the proposed assessment. Appellant also stated that two years prior when he moved, his forwarded mail got lost, but remembered that he had been issued a fee waiver on the property.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 20, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on July 27, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed clearance on the property on September 3, 2011. The Department's Inspector indicated that there were no photographs on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The Department's Inspector indicated that since no images provided by the contractor, the Appellant should not be responsible for either the Cost of Clearance or the Administrative fee. According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. The Department has no documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Additionally, the Department's Inspector recommended that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees levied against this property be waived. Therefore, given the above circumstances, it is this Hearing Officer's recommendation that the Appellant's Total Assessment be waived.

The total assessment due is \$0.00

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011181039
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

NAME: GOODARZY, PARVIN S

MAILING ADDRESS: 24455 GILMORE ST
WEST HILLS, CA 91307

SITUS ADDRESS: 24455 GILMORE ST

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2032025036 / INVOICE NO: BC12000329

ASSESSMENT: \$1,493.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$555.00	\$938.00	\$1,493.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant stated that she believed that all of the required brush clearance had been properly completed by her prior to the proposed assessment, and indicated that the total assessment was a financial hardship. The Appellant added that she had been living at the property since 1989, and in 2011 was out of the country from June 17, 2011, not returning until September 11, 2011.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on August 11, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on October 11, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who cleared the property on November 17, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup. According to Appellant's proffered evidence, she had in fact returned prior to the second inspection. Furthermore the Appellant did not provide sufficient evidence or documentation to indicate that the assessment was a financial hardship.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,493.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 18, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011184033
COUNCIL DISTRICT:

NAME: MICHAEL A GESAS AND LOREN GESAS

MAILING ADDRESS: 9401 WILSHIRE BLVD STE 700
BEVERLY HILLS CA 90212

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L S/W OF 22266 AVE. SAN LUIS

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2075004035 / INVOICE NO: BC12000378

ASSESSMENT: \$1,238.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$300.00	\$938.00	\$1,238.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant failed to appear at the scheduled Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on September 10, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on October 5, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 5, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on January 11, 2012. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The propose assessment against the property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The Fire Departments record reflects that due process was afforded the Appellant. The Fire Department record further shows that the Fire Department posted the property with the legally required posted Notice to Abate a Nuisance. The Appellant failed to attend the scheduled hearing and propose evidence in his favor.

The total assessment due is \$1238.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 18, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011184018
NAME: GYONJYAN, KARO COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
MAILING ADDRESS: 17927 CHASE ST
NORTHRIDGE CA 91325
SITUS ADDRESS: V/L N/OF 22401 SENTAR RD
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2075037003 / INVOICE NO: BC12000436
ASSESSMENT: \$1,818.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$880.00	\$938.00	\$1,818.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The appellant first claimed he cleared the property and then admitted he did not clear it at all. The appellant called the inspector for more time and that he would have the cleared by July 9, 2011, which the Inspector granted the extension. On August 8, 2011, after a three-month extension by the Inspector, the Fire Department had to have the property cleared.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 2, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 8, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on August 8, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on September 1, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The Fire Department record reflects that due process was afforded the Appellant as all notices were mailed and posted as legally required.

The record also shows that the Fire Inspector posted the property with a Notice to Abate a Nuisance Fire Hazard. The Fire Inspector and City Contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous condition that existed at the time of the clearing.

The total assessment due is \$1,818.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 18, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011184020
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

NAME: GOROBETS, VADIM AND ALINA AND

MAILING ADDRESS: 5726 WILKINKSON AVE
VALLEY VILLAGE, CA 91607

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L 123.87' S/OF 5137 ESCOBEDO D

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2167019010 / INVOICE NO: BC12000618

ASSESSMENT: \$1,288.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$350.00	\$938.00	\$1,288.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant claimed he never received any notices about brush clearance. He bought the property in January 2011, and apparently the notice addresses were not changed. The Fire Department records verified that mail had been returned for this property.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 9, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 25, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on August 25, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 4, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in an amount less than indicated in the notice. Although the Red Tag was posted legally, the mailed notices were not received timely preventing due process as to the Appellant. It is therefore the Recommendation of the Fire Department that the Administrative fee be waived and the Appellant be liable for the cost of clearance.

The total assessment due is \$350.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 19, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011184026
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

NAME: MOTAMEDI, SHAYAN

MAILING ADDRESS: 6919 CASTLE PEAK DR
WEST HILLS CA 91307

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L BETWEEN 4944 AND 4350 CAMPO

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2168011040 / INVOICE NO: BC12000634

ASSESSMENT: \$1,338.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$400.00	\$938.00	\$1,338.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant stated that he had not received any notices regarding brush clearance. He added that he had bought the property and closed escrow on July 29, 2011, and the only noticed received were for 2012.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 9, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 25, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on September 29, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 7, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the previous owner. The Department records do not indicate that any mail that was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. The Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup

The inspector confirmed that the Fire Department did not enter the change of address information regarding the change of ownership until February 29, 2011. Since the new owner never received notice, the recommendation was that the Administrative fee be waived.

The total assessment due is \$400.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 19, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011184025
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

NAME: TEHRANI, MEHRDAD

MAILING ADDRESS: 5242 CALATRANA DR
WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91364

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L W/OF 22204 AVE SAN LUIS

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2169021056 / INVOICE NO: BC12000709

ASSESSMENT: \$1,378.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$440.00	\$938.00	\$1,378.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant stated that he believed that all of the required brush clearance work was the responsibility of the previous owner. He indicated that he bought the property, which was foreclosed on by the bank, and presented a Grant Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure dated October 18, 2011. However, the Appellant stated that the bank took back possession of the house, but did not seek repossession of the three vacant lots behind the property.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 5, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 21, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on the property on October 7, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup. According to the Appellant's proffered evidence, the foreclosure took place and was recorded after the clearance was complete.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were not properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be waived.

The total assessment due is \$0.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 18, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011184032
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
NAME: PALACIOS, CONSUELO A
MAILING ADDRESS: 13408 DESMOND ST
PACOIMA CA 91331
SITUS ADDRESS: V/L S/OF 4725 BEDEL STREET
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2172013053 / INVOICE NO: BC12000857
ASSESSMENT: \$1,160.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$222.00	\$938.00	\$1,160.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the scheduled Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 25, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on October 4, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who cleared the property on January 12, 2012. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The Department's records indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,160.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 18, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011184031
NAME: LEVITT, KENNETH L COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3
MAILING ADDRESS: 19044 CITRONIA ST
NORTHRIDGE CA 91324
SITUS ADDRESS: 5021 OAKDALE AVE
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2175022007 / INVOICE NO: BC12000923
ASSESSMENT: \$1,738.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$800.00	\$938.00	\$1,738.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant claims they never received any mailed notice regarding brush clearance, nor did they see the property had been red tagged for clearance. They had not been to the property.

The Appellant also claimed that the property is gated and the inspector could not get access onto the property. The Fire Department had extensive pictures of the debris and allotted the property owners additional time, from May 2011, to January 2012, to clear the property.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 31, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on October 21, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 21, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on January 6, 2012. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The Fire Department record reflects that due process was afforded the Appellant, who did attend the Brush Clearance Hearing. The record further shows that the Fire Department posted and mailed all legally required Notices. The Fire Department posted the property with a Notice to Abate a public nuisance and fire hazard. The Fire Inspector and City Contractors provided photographs of the conditions that existed at the time of the clearance.

The total assessment due is \$1,738.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 23, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011174030
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5

NAME: MEVORAKH, BARAK AND

MAILING ADDRESS: 2719 ANGELO DR
LOS ANGELES, CA 90077

SITUS ADDRESS: 3286 COY DR

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2274022007 / INVOICE NO: BC12001103

ASSESSMENT: \$1,238.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$300.00	\$938.00	\$1,238.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant claimed he cleaned the property every month, but did not provide any dated receipts or dated pictures for proof.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 4, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on July 11, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on July 11, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on September 1, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The Fire Department record reflects that the appellant was afforded due process and all notices were mailed and posted as legally required.

The record further shows that the Inspector posted the property with a Notice to Abate a Nuisance and Fire Hazard and the Fire Inspector and the City Contractor provided photographs that depicted the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearance.

The total assessment due is \$1,238.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 26, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011178024
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
NAME: 3965 CARPENTER LLC
MAILING ADDRESS: 1940 CENTURY PARK EAST STE B100
LOS ANGELES CA 90067
SITUS ADDRESS: V/L N/W 30' NW OF 11909 LAURELWO
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2369016021 / INVOICE NO: BC12001327
ASSESSMENT: \$1,298.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$360.00	\$938.00	\$1,298.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant stated that he did not receive any notices, adding that the property is a rental and his tenant never gave him any mail that contained any notices from the Fire Department. Appellant stated that he now has full understanding of his responsibility to clear his property and he also has contact information for the Fire Department to ensure his timely compliance.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 2, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 1, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on October 8, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The Appellant stated that he believed that he had properly completed all of the required brush clearance prior to the proposed assessment.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be an issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has not been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

The Departmental records indicate that the mail was returned. Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were improperly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be waived.

The total assessment due is \$0.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 20, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175034
COUNCIL DISTRICT:
NAME: COTTON, BRIAN I
MAILING ADDRESS: 10727 IRMA AVE
TUJUNGA CA 91042
SITUS ADDRESS: 10727 IRMA AVE
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2557004022 / INVOICE NO: BC12002085
ASSESSMENT: \$4,271.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$3,333.00	\$938.00	\$4,271.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant stating that he has mental illness problems, but has been seeing a psychiatrist at Hill View Mental Health Center for treatment for Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) and other mental health problems. Hill View Mental Health Center confirmed this. He has other physical problems as well as mental problems that have prohibited him from taking care of his property. He provided a letter from an attorney from Neighborhood Legal Services who reviewed the Appellants financial situation, and reports that the Appellant is under extreme and serious hardship concerning. A very competent authority provided proof; it is recommended the current assessment against the Appellant be waived in its entirety.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on October 19, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 29, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on September 29, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 16, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The assessment against you property has been waived in its entirety due to the proof by competent authority of the extreme hardship of the appellant at this time.

The Fire Department record reflects that All Notices and postings were completed as legally required. The Department complied with all required rules and regulations and Notices to Abate a Nuisance and Fire Hazard. The Fire Inspector and City Contractor provided photographs showing the Hazardous situation at the time of clearing. Based on the Appellants Proof of Extreme Hardship.

The total assessment due is \$0.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 19, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011183013
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2

NAME: MARI LORI PROPERTIES LLC

MAILING ADDRESS: 2708 FOOTHILL BLVD 235
LA CRESCENTA, CA 91214

SITUS ADDRESS: 8455 MCGROARTY ST

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2560034014 / INVOICE NO: BC12002093

ASSESSMENT: \$1,838.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$900.00	\$938.00	\$1,838.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant says he cleared the property, but immediately stated he could not get on the property because he had renters and they had pit bulls. He claims as a property owner, he knows you give a 24- hour notice to the tenants and you have the right to inspect the property. The Fire Inspector visited the property four times and never saw any dogs or pit bulls. The Inspector gave the appellant almost five months to clear the property and in September had to put out an order to have it cleared by the City Contractors.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 15, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 21, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on June 21, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City contractor and work was completed. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The Fire Department record reflects that the Appellant was afforded due process as all notices were mailed and posted as legally required. The record further shows that the Inspector posted the property with a Notice to Abate a Nuisance and Fire Hazard. The Fire Inspector and City Contractor provided photographs that depicted the hazardous condition at the time of the clearing.

The total assessment due is \$1,838.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 19, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011183013
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
NAME: MARI LORI PROPERTIES LLC
MAILING ADDRESS: 2708 FOOTHILL BLVD 235
LA CRESCENTA, CA 91214
SITUS ADDRESS: 8455 MCGROARTY ST
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2560034015 / INVOICE NO: BC12002093
ASSESSMENT: \$1,838.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$900.00	\$938.00	\$1,838.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant says he cleared the property, but immediately stated he could not get on the property because he had renters and they had pit bulls. He claims as a property owner, he knows you give a 24- hour notice to the tenants and you have the right to inspect the property. The Fire Inspector visited the property four times and never saw any dogs or pit bulls. The Inspector gave the appellant almost five months to clear the property and in September had to put out an order to have it cleared by the City Contractors.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 15, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 21, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on June 21, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City contractor and work was completed. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The Fire Department record reflects that the Appellant was afforded due process as all notices were mailed and posted as legally required.

The record further shows that the Inspector posted the property with a Notice to Abate a Nuisance and Fire Hazard. The Fire Inspector and City Contractor provided photographs that depicted the hazardous condition at the time of the clearing. Therefore, given the above circumstances, it is this Hearing Officer's recommendation is that Appellants be responsible for the Cost of Clean-up for each parcel given that they are contiguous to one another, and that only one Administrative Fee be charged.

The total assessment due is \$900.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 20, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011183007
NAME: ABBEY-MOH INC COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
MAILING ADDRESS: 1142 S DIAMOND BAR BLVD 151
DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765
SITUS ADDRESS: VAC/LOT 470' S TRANQUIL PL/TRANQ
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2562014003 / INVOICE NO: BC12002127
ASSESSMENT: \$1,118.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$180.00	\$938.00	\$1,118.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant, Mr. Hohammed Bello, stated that he believed that he had properly completed all of the required brush clearance on May 21, 2011, prior to the proposed assessment.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 17, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 21, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on August 27, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,118.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 20, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011183007
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
NAME: ABBEY-MOH INC
MAILING ADDRESS: 1142 S DIAMOND BAR BLVD 151
DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765
SITUS ADDRESS: VAC/LOT APPX. 510' SO. TRANQUIL
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2562014004 / INVOICE NO: BC12002135
ASSESSMENT: \$1,118.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$180.00	\$938.00	\$1,118.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant, Mr. Hohammed Bello, stated that he believed that he had properly completed all of the required brush clearance on May 21, 2011, prior to the proposed assessment.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 17, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 21, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on August 27, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, given the above circumstances, it is this Hearing Officer's recommendation is that Appellants be responsible for the Cost of Clean-up for each parcel given that they are contiguous to one another, and that only one Administrative Fee be charged.

The total assessment due is \$180.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 20, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011183007
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2

NAME: ABBEY-MOH INC

MAILING ADDRESS: 1142 S DIAMOND BAR BLVD 151
DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765 2203

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L 29' W OF TRANQUIL DR

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2562014006 / INVOICE NO: BC12002150

ASSESSMENT: \$1,118.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$180.00	\$938.00	\$1,118.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant, Mr. Hohammed Bello, stated that he believed that he had properly completed all of the required brush clearance on May 21, 2011, prior to the proposed assessment.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 17, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 21, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on August 27, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, given the above circumstances, it is this Hearing Officer's recommendation is that Appellants be responsible for the Cost of Clean-up for each parcel given that they are contiguous to one another, and that only one Administrative Fee be charged.

The total assessment due is \$180.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 18, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011183016
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2
NAME: ANNINOS, PHILIP T CO TR
MAILING ADDRESS: 25 CREEK COURT
PALM COAST, FL 32137
SITUS ADDRESS: V/L EAST OF 7073 1/2 HIGHCLIFF
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2564020015 / INVOICE NO: BC12002382
ASSESSMENT: \$1,138.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$200.00	\$938.00	\$1,138.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant, Ms. Melissa Anninos, stated that she believed that all of the required brush clearance had been properly completed by her father, (an out of state owner), prior to the proposed assessment. Ms. Anninos stated that her father had moved to Florida in 2010, but had not received a tax bill. Finally, he discovered that the County Assessor's Office had not updated the address records on file.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 4, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 11, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor who cleared the property on October 8, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance. The Department records do indicate that the mail was returned as "Undeliverable."

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address.

However, the Fire Department's records do indicate that the "Official Notification" letter was returned by the US Postal service as "Undeliverable." The Department's records do indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. However, there does appear to be an issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served and had sufficient notice, given the fact that the Official Notification letter was returned back to the Department.

As such, it is recommended that while the Cost of Clearance should be upheld, the associated Administrative fee should be waived.

The total assessment due is \$200.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 18, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011183018
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2

NAME: HASHEMI, BEHROUZ

MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 10272
GLENDALE, CA 91209

SITUS ADDRESS: 9682 HILLHAVEN AVE

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2564030025 / INVOICE NO: BC12002457

ASSESSMENT: \$1,388.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$450.00	\$938.00	\$1,388.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant failed to appear for the scheduled 2011 Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 14, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 1, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on September 1, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 8, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed on the amount as set forth in the notice. The Fire Department record reflects that due process was afforded the appellant as all notices were mailed and posted as legally required. The record further shows the Fire Inspector posted the property with a notice to Abate a Nuisance and Fire Hazard. The Fire Inspector and City Contractor provided photographs, which depicted the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearing.

The total assessment due is \$1,388.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 18, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011183027
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2

NAME: GONZALEZ, CONRADO E AND JULIA R

MAILING ADDRESS: 4930 ALDAMA ST
LOS ANGELES, CA 90042

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L N/OF 6107 SISTER ELSIE DR

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2569005005 / INVOICE NO: BC12002499

ASSESSMENT: \$1,088.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$150.00	\$938.00	\$1,088.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant failed to appear at the scheduled 2011 Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on June 7, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on October 25, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 25, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 18, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The Fire Department record reflects that due process was afforded the Appellant as all notices were mailed and posted as legally required. The record further shows that the Fire Inspector posted the property with a Notice to Abate a Nuisance and Fire Hazard. The Fire Inspector and City Contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearing.

The total assessment due is \$1,088.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 18, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011183027
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2

NAME: CHA, EUN S TR

MAILING ADDRESS: 12039 EDDLESTON DR
PORTER RANCH, CA 91326

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L N/OF SISTER ELSIE DR

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2569005007 / INVOICE NO: BC12002515

ASSESSMENT: \$1,088.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$150.00	\$938.00	\$1,088.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant attended the Brush Clearance Hearing. He presented no evidence he hired anyone or any pictures that prove he did the clearing. The Fire Inspector gave him from May 2011 to November 2011 before clearing the property. The Appellant stated he cleared the property before May 2011.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 11, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 3, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on September 3, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 18, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The Fire Department record shows that the Appellant was afforded due process as all notices were mailed and posted as legally required. The record further shows that the Inspector Posted the Property with a Notice to Abate a Nuisance and Fire Hazard and the Fire Inspector and the City Contractor provided photographs that depicted the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearance

The total assessment due is \$1.088.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 23, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011181032
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 12

NAME: AMSTER, SEYMOUR I AND LISA B

MAILING ADDRESS: 17800 MOUNTAIN RANCH RD
GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344

SITUS ADDRESS: 17800 MOUNTAIN RANCH RD

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2601067005 / INVOICE NO: BC12002903

ASSESSMENT: \$1,198.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$260.00	\$938.00	\$1,198.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant failed to appear at the scheduled Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 24, 2011.
There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file.
Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 6, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who cleared the property on October 15, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,198.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 23, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011181033
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 12

NAME: PENDON, RABBILITO

MAILING ADDRESS: 12103 LOUISE AVE
GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344

SITUS ADDRESS: 12103 LOUISE AVE

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2606027058 / INVOICE NO: BC12002929

ASSESSMENT: \$1,328.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$390.00	\$938.00	\$1,328.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant failed to appear for the scheduled 2011 Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 23, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 14, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on September 14, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 29, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

Confirm the assessed fee in the amount as set out in the notice. The Fire Department record reflects that due process was afforded the appellant. The record further shows that the Fire Inspector posted the property with a notice to abate a Public Nuisance and Fire Hazard. The Fire Inspector and City Contractors provided photographs, which depicted the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearance.

The total assessment due is \$1,328.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 20, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011181028
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 12

NAME: SHOHEI, HOUSHANG C

MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 64674
LOS ANGELES, CA 90064

SITUS ADDRESS: 21048 NASHVILLE ST

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2706003025 / INVOICE NO: BC12002994

ASSESSMENT: \$1,128.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$190.00	\$938.00	\$1,128.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant appeared at the Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing stated that he believed that all of the required brush clearance had been properly completed by him prior to the proposed assessment. Appellant provided comprehensive documentation consisting of letters and photographs detailing the fact that the City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety had opened up Case # 425087 for yard cleanup, with a compliance due date of September 7, 2011. Working on the property himself, Appellant provided the following dates he said he worked on the property, July 16, August 5, 11, 21, 30, and September 5, 2011.

The Appellant stated there was an inspection conducted on his property, and the Building and Safety Inspector notified him that he was in compliance. Appellant believed that if he had met the Building and Safety inspection guidelines to clear his property, he should also have been in compliance with the Fire Department.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 24, 2011, with a compliance due date of June 6, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 16, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who cleared the property on October 1, 2011. Photographs are on file.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. The Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush

clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

However, it appears that the Appellant provided compelling documentation to suggest that he was working diligently to comply with clearance requirements of two City agencies, and that he had substantially complied to have been issued a closure by one Department, only to have another declare non-compliance. Appellant was clearly working hard to avoid the Order to Comply and Notice of Fee that he received from Building and Safety, and had apparently been issued a Case closure by them. The City Contractor did indicate that the property did show clearance work had been undertaken.

Therefore, given the above circumstances, it is this Hearing Officer's recommendation that the Appellant did strive to comply with two agencies brush clearance requirements, and that the Assessment fee be waived,

The Appellant did receive a benefit on his property, and should be responsible for the Cost of Clearance.

The total assessment due is \$190.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011181039
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 12

NAME: ALHINNAWI, FAROUK

MAILING ADDRESS: 5743 BECKFORD AVE NO B
TARZANA CA 91356

SITUS ADDRESS: 21930 CHATSWORTH ST

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2722011009 / INVOICE NO: BC12003000

ASSESSMENT: \$1,160.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$222.00	\$938.00	\$1,160.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant, Mr. Marco Alvaros, Property Manager, Charles Dunn Real Estate Services, Inc., (purportedly managing the property on behalf of Far East Bank), stated that he believed that all of the required brush clearance had been properly completed by his contractor prior to the proposed assessment.

Appellant stated that the second Notice of Non-Compliance indicated that vegetation and shrubs had to be trimmed, and all dead trees removed which constituted a fire hazard. Photographs purportedly taken on November 15, 2011, show a huge tree, which was cut down, sectioned, and removed by pick-up truck.

Mr. Avalos stated that his company received no notices, but provided emails, which he stated shows that he was trying to coordinate the removal of dead trees off the property. The emails included mail sent to the Appellant from the Department, asking whether the dead tree had been removed. Appellant stated that he believed there was an issue with regard to whether, if the tree belonged to the City of Los Angeles, that a permit was potentially needed to be obtained before the tree could be removed, or a fine issued.

On November 16, 2011, Mr. Avalos sent email conformation that the dead tree had in fact been removed. Appellant confirmed that this had been a "bank owned" property, which was subsequently sold to a new owner by sometime before December 2011.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on June 6, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on October 25, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on November 18, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance. The

department Inspector indicated that the Appellant of behalf of his company had been working closely to get the dead tree removed, and that there may have been delays in ascertaining who had jurisdiction over the tree that delayed compliance. The Contractor Worksheet does indicate that the brush clearance had been completed, and that only the dead tree needed to be removed.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

However, the Department's Inspector indicated that he believed there had been substantial efforts made towards compliance, and that the primary and only hazard remaining on this property was this dead tree. Therefore, it appears that the Administrative fees should be waived, and that the Appellant should only be responsible for the Cost of Clearance.

The recommendation is that the Appellant only be responsible for the Cost of Clearance in the amount of \$222.00.

The total assessment due is \$222.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011181039
NAME: FAR EAST NATIONAL BANK COUNCIL DISTRICT: 12
MAILING ADDRESS: 977 N BROADWAY STE 401
LOS ANGELES CA 90012
SITUS ADDRESS: 21910 CHATSWORTH ST
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2722011010 / INVOICE NO: BC12003018
ASSESSMENT: \$1,538.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$600.00	\$938.00	\$1,538.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant, Mr. Marco Alvaros, Property Manager, Charles Dunn Real Estate Services, Inc., stated that he believed that his contractor prior to the proposed assessment had properly completed all of the required brush clearance. Appellant stated that the second Notice of Non-Compliance indicated that vegetation and shrubs had to be trimmed, and all dead trees removed which constituted a fire hazard. Photographs purportedly taken on November 15, 2011, show a huge tree, which was cut down, sectioned, and removed by pick-up truck.

Mr. Avalos stated that the property ownership had changed over on February 2, 2011, and the mailing address and other pertinent information had been entered into the County Assessor's records.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on June 6, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on October 25, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on November 22, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs.

There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner

according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

The Appellant was not able to provide credible, independently viable evidence to support his contention that his company's clearance work had been undertaken and completed prior to the City Contractor. The proffered evidence, the photographs, do show a large tree being sectioned and hauled away in a pick-up van, but the date had been hand-written, and no Invoice was provided supporting the Appellant's date.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,538.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 23, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011181030
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 12

NAME: COLMER, WAYNE AND ROBERTA TRS

MAILING ADDRESS: 23679 CALABASAS RD # 333
CALABASAS, CA 91302

SITUS ADDRESS: VACANT LOT

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2723005049 / INVOICE NO: BC12003034

ASSESSMENT: \$1,433.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$495.00	\$938.00	\$1,433.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant stated that he was not required to do any brush clearance work on the property, given the fact that on May 26, 2011, a Trustee's sale occurred and he was no longer the registered owner.

Appellant provided documents, namely the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale which was apparently recorded on May 27, 2011, and argued that he had lost possession of the property in foreclosure.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on June 11, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 30, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on September 24, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. The Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

The Appellant argued that the Cost of Clearance, and the Administrative fees, was levied against this property, which the Appellant no longer owned. The Brush Clearance obligations were incurred against the property in June and August 2011 subsequent to the Trustee's Sale on May 26, 2011. It is the Appellants argument that the brush clearance assessment was incurred against the property after the Appellant had been foreclosed upon, and for which he would not be held responsible.

The County Assessor's Records were accessed as of the April 16, 2012 and the records still indicate that the registered owner of the property is still the Appellant, and that no change of ownership occurred, despite Appellant's proffered evidence of a Trustee's Sale. Therefore, given the above, the Appellant would still be responsible for these Assessment charges against the property.

Appellant was on record, and did not clear, and his name still appeared on title on year later. It is this Hearing Officer's recommendation that the Appellant's Total Assessment be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,433.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 23, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011181028
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 12

NAME: CHAND, KARNAIL AND SAROJ TRS

MAILING ADDRESS: 22354 S SUMMIT RIDGE CIR
CHATSWORTH, CA 91311

SITUS ADDRESS: 22354 S SUMMIT RIDGE CIR

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2727022032 / INVOICE NO: BC12003091

ASSESSMENT: \$1,338.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$400.00	\$938.00	\$1,338.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant stated that he believed that he had properly completed all of the required brush clearance prior to the proposed assessment.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 20, 2011.
There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file.
Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 23, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 1, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,338.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011181041
NAME: WILSON, FREDRICK A TR COUNCIL DISTRICT: 12
MAILING ADDRESS: 19360 RINALDI STREET, SUITE # 259
NORTHRIDGE, CA 91326
SITUS ADDRESS: 19542 SEMINOLE PL
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2822020010 / INVOICE NO: BC12003158
ASSESSMENT: \$1,608.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$670.00	\$938.00	\$1,608.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant stated that he believed that he had properly completed all of the required brush clearance prior to the proposed assessment.

Appellant added that in 1994 there was slope failure and 50% of the hillside collapsed. A geological surveyor had found that the ground was so unstable from that point forward that it not be cleared, lest such disturbance could lead to a further landslide. Appellant was asked to provide this report and other such information for consideration in making a decision.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 24, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 6, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on December 29, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

The Department Inspector indicated that a soil and engineering finding of this sort would then earmark the property, so that there would not be clearance undertaken on unstable soil tables.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Appellant also did not provide any of the soil and geological information he stated he would fax or email in.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,608.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 20, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011181034
NAME: ANDERSEN, ALLEN K AND BETTE T TRS COUNCIL DISTRICT: 12
MAILING ADDRESS: 12049 BEAUFIT AVE
NORTHRIDGE, CA 91326
SITUS ADDRESS: 12046 BEAUFIT AVE
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 2870004027 / INVOICE NO: BC12003174
ASSESSMENT: \$1,128.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$190.00	\$938.00	\$1,128.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the scheduled Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 25, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 21, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on September 21, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 15, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,128.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011185022
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5
NAME: BORUNDA, JOHN Z AND BARBARA
MAILING ADDRESS: 2118 WILSHIRE BLVD # 1114
SANTA MONICA, CA 90403
SITUS ADDRESS: 1309 N BEVERLY GLEN BLVD
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 4371016033 / INVOICE NO: BC12003265
ASSESSMENT: \$1,238.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$300.00	\$938.00	\$1,238.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing scheduled for April 17, 2012, but requested that his written appeal be considered. In a letter, signed and dated April 10, 2012, the Appellant stated that he does not live at the property, and that his mail is not always forwarded to him in a timely manner, if at all. Appellant believed that he adequately maintained clearance of the brush and vegetation for over fifteen years, and that he had properly completed all of the required brush clearance prior to the proposed assessment.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 13, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 22, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on October 24, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned. The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs.

There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup. Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,238.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 23, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011174041
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5

NAME: HUGHES, MARILYN K

MAILING ADDRESS: 417 N CHAPEL AVE
ALHAMBRA, CA 91801

SITUS ADDRESS: 10082 1/2 WESTWANDA DR

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 4383025029 / INVOICE NO: BC12003513

ASSESSMENT: \$1,683.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$745.00	\$938.00	\$1,683.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant claims she is remodeling the property and has it periodically cleaned. She requests all fines be waived.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on August 22, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 14, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on September 14, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 17, 2012. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The Fire Department record reflects that the Appellant was afforded due process as all notices were mailed and posted as legally required. No notices were returned to the Department. The Department record also shows that the Fire Inspector posted the property with a Notice to Abate a Nuisance and Fire Hazard. The Fire Inspector and the City Contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous condition that existed at the time of the clearance.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,683.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 23, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011171038
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 11

NAME: GHYSELS, STEPHEN AND ELIZABETH

MAILING ADDRESS: 823 ENCHANTED WAY
PACIFIC PLSDS, CA 90272

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L W/O 781 ENCHANTED WAY

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 4419002001 / INVOICE NO: BC12003588

ASSESSMENT: \$3,118.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$2,180.00	\$938.00	\$3,118.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellants claim they cleared the property in July, but provided no dated receipts or dated photographs for proof.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 11, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 19, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on August 19, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on September 28, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The Fire Inspector made all appearances and mailed and posted all notices required by law, affording the appellant due process.

The Fire inspector is recommending that as the appellants claim to have done some clearing and that there were still dead wood and re-growth, that the Administrative fee is waived and the Appellants be charged with the cost of clearing.

The total assessment due is \$2,180.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011173019
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
NAME: MARTINEZ, GABRIEL AND MARISA
MAILING ADDRESS: 6832 CITRINE DR
CARLSBAD, CA 92009
SITUS ADDRESS: 3112 JOHNSTON ST
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5206019004 / INVOICE NO: BC12003653
ASSESSMENT: \$1,663.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$725.00	\$938.00	\$1,663.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant stated that he believed that he had properly completed all of the required brush clearance on September 10, 2011, prior to the proposed assessment.

Appellant added that he had lost his job and that the Administrative fee was prohibitively expensive.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on June 3, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on July 2, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on September 10, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned. The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Appellant has claimed that he completed his clearance work in May 2011. The clearance work that had to be done to abate the hazard appears to have been re-growth, and work that had not been satisfactorily completed. Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,663.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 20, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011173025
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14

NAME: SILVER DISCOUNT PROPERTIES LLC

MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 48708
LOS ANGELES, CA 90048

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L ON CATO

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5214004001 / INVOICE NO: BC12003760

ASSESSMENT: \$1,077.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$139.00	\$938.00	\$1,077.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant claims to have cleared property in April 2011, however he provided no dated receipts or dated photographs for proof.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on June 17, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 13, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on September 13, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 7, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been assessed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The Fire Department record reflects that the appellant was afforded due process as all notices were mailed and posted as legally required. The record further shows that the Fire Inspector posted a Notice to Abate a Nuisance and Fire Hazard and The Fire Inspector and City Contractor provided photographs depicting the hazardous condition that existed at the time of the clearing.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,077.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011173025
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14

NAME: ZHU, JUNFENG

MAILING ADDRESS: 18333 HATTERAS ST # 41
TARZANA, CA 91356

SITUS ADDRESS: VACANT LOT

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5214004015 / INVOICE NO: BC12003828

ASSESSMENT: \$1,077.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$139.00	\$938.00	\$1,077.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the scheduled Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 4, 2011.
There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file.
Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 13, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed clearance on October 7, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,077.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 19, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011173025
NAME: MARTINEZ, ROBERTO COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14
MAILING ADDRESS: 25948 AVENIDA ESPALDAR
MORENO VALLEY CA 92551
SITUS ADDRESS: VACANT LOT
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5214004023 / INVOICE NO: BC12003851
ASSESSMENT: \$1,077.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$139.00	\$938.00	\$1,077.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the Brush Clearance Assessment.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 4, 2011.
There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file.
Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 13, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted, and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 7, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,077.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 23, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011173034
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14

NAME: MORALES, CARLOS SR AND EMMA

MAILING ADDRESS: 2334 HIGHBURY AVE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90032

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L ON BEAGLE

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5214005023 / INVOICE NO: BC12003877

ASSESSMENT: \$1,088.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$150.00	\$938.00	\$1,088.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellants stated they have for years hired someone to clear the property or cleared it themselves. Currently, they now have lost their jobs and have become physically disabled and cannot keep the property clear right now. Their home is also in trouble. This places them in Extreme Hardship. The Inspector recommended that the Administrative fee be waived and the Appellants pay the cost of clearance.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 4, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on November 29, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 29, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on January 10, 2012. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The assessed administrative fee is waived and the appellants to pay the cost of clearance. The Fire Inspector made all appearances to the property and mailed and posted all notices as legally required, affording the Appellants due process.

The total assessment due is \$150.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 20, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011173030
COUNCIL DISTRICT:
NAME: GUTIERREZ, GERTRUDE TR
MAILING ADDRESS: 538 N CUMMINGS ST
LOS ANGELES, CA 90033
SITUS ADDRESS: VACANT LOT
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5223009006 / INVOICE NO: BC12004248
ASSESSMENT: \$1,088.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$150.00	\$938.00	\$1,088.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant, accompanied by her two daughters, Ms. Maitland, and Ms. Helen Gutierrez, stated that they believed that all of the required brush clearance had been properly completed by their gardener and landscaper prior to the proposed assessment, and provided an invoice dated July 1, 2011 from Ismael Carrillo Tree Service for \$1,500.00 for the seven lots to be cleared. Photographs were provided by Mr. Carrillo showing his truck, and workmen, completing clean up.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on June 14, 2011, with a compliance due date of July 7, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 22, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted, and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on December 1, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. The Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

However, Appellants argument that had they known there was more work that needed to be

completed they would have done so, and the Department Inspector did state that it appeared that "seventy percent" of the needed work had been completed.

Therefore, given the above circumstances, it is this Hearing Officer's recommendation is that Appellants be responsible for the Cost of Clean-up for each parcel (given that they are contiguous to one another), and that only one Administrative Fee be charged given the fact that the same date of inspection applied to all of the parcels.

The total assessment due is \$1,088.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 20, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011173030
COUNCIL DISTRICT:

NAME: GUTIERREZ, GERTRUDE TR

MAILING ADDRESS: 538 N CUMMINGS ST
LOS ANGELES, CA 90033

SITUS ADDRESS: VACANT LOT

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5223009007 / INVOICE NO: BC12004255

ASSESSMENT: \$1,138.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$200.00	\$938.00	\$1,138.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant, accompanied by her two daughters, Ms. Maitland, and Ms. Helen Gutierrez, stated that they believed that all of the required brush clearance had been properly completed by their gardener and landscaper prior to the proposed assessment, and provided an invoice dated July 1, 2011 from Ismael Carrillo Tree Service for \$1,500.00 for the seven lots to be cleared. Photographs were provided by Mr. Carrillo showing his truck, and workmen, completing clean up.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on June 14, 2011, with a compliance due date of July 7, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 22, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted, and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on December 1, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. The Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

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Therefore, given the above circumstances, it is this Hearing Officer's recommendation is that Appellants be held responsible for the Cost of Clean-up for each parcel given that they are contiguous to one another, and that only one Administrative Fee is charged.

The total assessment due is \$200.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 20, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011173027
COUNCIL DISTRICT:
NAME: GUTIERREZ, GERTRUDE TR
MAILING ADDRESS: 538 N CUMMINGS ST
LOS ANGELES, CA 90033
SITUS ADDRESS: VACANT LOT
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5223009009 / INVOICE NO: BC12004263

ASSESSMENT: \$1,113.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$175.00	\$938.00	\$1,113.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant, accompanied by her two daughters, Ms. Maitland, and Ms. Helen Gutierrez, stated that they believed that all of the required brush clearance had been properly completed by their gardener and landscaper prior to the proposed assessment, and provided an invoice dated July 1, 2011 from Ismael Carrillo Tree Service for \$1,500.00 for the seven lots to be cleared. Photographs were provided by Mr. Carrillo showing his truck, and workmen, completing clean up.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on June 14, 2011, with a compliance due date of July 7, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 22, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted, and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 7, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. The Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

However, Appellants argument that had they known there was more work that needed to be completed they would have done so, and the Department Inspector did state that it appeared that "seventy percent" of the needed work had been completed.

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Therefore, given the above circumstances, it is this Hearing Officer's recommendation is that Appellants be responsible for the Cost of Clean-up for each parcel given that they are contiguous to one another, and that only one Administrative Fee be charged

The assessment due is \$175.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 20, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011173027
NAME: GUTIERREZ, GERTRUDE TR COUNCIL DISTRICT:
MAILING ADDRESS: 538 N CUMMINGS ST
LOS ANGELES, CA 90033
SITUS ADDRESS: VACANT LOT
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5223009010 / INVOICE NO: BC12004271
ASSESSMENT: \$1,113.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$175.00	\$938.00	\$1,113.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant, accompanied by her two daughters, Ms. Maitland, and Ms. Helen Gutierrez, stated that they believed that all of the required brush clearance had been properly completed by their gardener and landscaper prior to the proposed assessment, and provided an invoice dated July 1, 2011 from Ismael Carrillo Tree Service for \$1,500.00 for the seven lots to be cleared. Photographs were provided by Mr. Carrillo showing his truck, and workmen, completing clean up.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on June 14, 2011, with a compliance due date of July 7, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 22, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted, and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 7, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. The Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup. However, Appellants argument that had they known there was more work that needed to be completed they would have done so, and the Department Inspector did state that it appeared that "seventy percent" of the needed work had been completed.

Therefore, given the above circumstances, it is this Hearing Officer's recommendation is that Appellants be responsible for the Cost of Clean-up for each parcel given that they are contiguous to one another, and that only one Administrative Fee be charged.

The total assessment due is \$175.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 20, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011173027
COUNCIL DISTRICT:

NAME: GUTIERREZ, GERTRUDE TR

MAILING ADDRESS: 538 N CUMMINGS ST
LOS ANGELES, CA 90033

SITUS ADDRESS:

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5223009011 / INVOICE NO: BC12004289

ASSESSMENT: \$1,113.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$175.00	\$938.00	\$1,113.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant, accompanied by her two daughters, Ms. Maitland, and Ms. Helen Gutierrez, stated that they believed that all of the required brush clearance had been properly completed by their gardener and landscaper prior to the proposed assessment, and provided an invoice dated July 1, 2011 from Ismael Carrillo Tree Service for \$1,500.00 for the seven lots to be cleared. Photographs were provided by Mr. Carrillo showing his truck, and workmen, completing clean up.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on June 14, 2011, with a compliance due date of July 7, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 22, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted, and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 7, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. The Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

However, Appellants argument that had they known there was more work that needed to be completed they would have done so, and the Department Inspector did state that it appeared that "seventy percent" of the needed work had been completed.

Therefore, given the above circumstances, it is this Hearing Officer's recommendation is that Appellants be responsible for the Cost of Clean-up for each parcel given that they are contiguous to one another, and that only one Administrative Fee be charged.

The assessment due is \$175.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 20, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011173027
COUNCIL DISTRICT:
NAME: GUTIERREZ, GERTRUDE TR
MAILING ADDRESS: 538 N CUMMINGS ST
LOS ANGELES, CA 90033
SITUS ADDRESS: VACANT LOT
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5223009012 / INVOICE NO: BC12004289

ASSESSMENT: \$1,113.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$175.00	\$938.00	\$1,113.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant, accompanied by her two daughters, Ms. Maitland, and Ms. Helen Gutierrez, stated that they believed that all of the required brush clearance had been properly completed by their gardener and landscaper prior to the proposed assessment, and provided an invoice dated July 1, 2011, from Ismael Carrillo Tree Service for \$1,500.00 for the seven lots to be cleared. Photographs were provided by Mr. Carrillo showing his truck, and workmen, completing clean up.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on June 14, 2011, with a compliance due date of July 7, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 22, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted, and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 7, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. The Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

However, Appellants argument that had they known there was more work that needed to be completed they would have done so, and the Department Inspector did state that it appeared that "seventy percent" of the needed work had been completed.

Therefore, given the above circumstances, it is this Hearing Officer's recommendation is that Appellants be responsible for the Cost of Clean-up for each parcel given that they are contiguous to one another, and that only one Administrative Fee be charged.

The assessment due is \$175.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011182022
NAME: DINGMAN, JOE L COUNCIL DISTRICT: 13
MAILING ADDRESS: 2400 VALLEY VIEW DR
LOS ANGELES, CA 90026
SITUS ADDRESS: 2400 VALLEY VIEW DR
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5443024001 / INVOICE NO: BC12004479
ASSESSMENT: \$1,638.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$700.00	\$938.00	\$1,638.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the scheduled Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 25, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on October 3, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on November 16, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,638.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175033
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
NAME: JETMAS
MAILING ADDRESS: 6316 MALABAR ST APT A
HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255
SITUS ADDRESS: V/L S/OF 340 ISABEL ST
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5446003023 / INVOICE NO: BC12004503
ASSESSMENT: \$1,138.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$200.00	\$938.00	\$1,138.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant, Mr. Maurice Zepeda, stated that he believed that all of the required brush clearance had been properly completed by him prior to the proposed assessment, and provided an F-1307 form.

Appellant added that he believed that the brush clearance work that was done was sufficient to meet the compliance requirements.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 5, 2011. There is record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file dated June 6, 2011, and there was a Second Notice of Noncompliance, issued on June 7, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on October 30, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance. The Department Inspector noted the administrative error.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served. The Department has not been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

According to Appellant's proffered evidence, he had in fact received an F-1307 Cleaned By Owner dated June 6, 2011, and the next day the Department was also claiming that the Inspector had returned and found that the property had failed re-inspection.

The need for clearance of the property does not appear to be clear-cut given the contradictory evidence of Appellant's purported simultaneous compliance and noncompliance.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were improperly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be waived.

The total assessment due is \$0.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 19, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175019
NAME: SADEGHI, MANSOUR M AND SHIVA COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
MAILING ADDRESS: 20931 PARKRIDGE
LAKE FOREST, CA 92630
SITUS ADDRESS: 152.32' S OF 3570 GLENALBYN DR
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5452012014 / INVOICE NO: BC12004677
ASSESSMENT: \$1,238.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$300.00	\$938.00	\$1,238.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant stated that he believed that his brother prior to the proposed assessment had properly completed all of the required brush clearance. He stated that he has owned the property for the past nine years, but had never received any notification that any of the clearance work done throughout the years was not acceptable.

Appellant added that he believed that the brush clearance work that his brother had done was sufficient to meet the compliance requirements.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 11, 2011, with a compliance due date of June 7, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 22, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed clearance work on September 15, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The Department's records indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup. According to Appellant's proffered evidence, she had in fact returned prior to the second inspection.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the total assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,238.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE:	April 19, 2012	PACKAGE NO: 2011175011 COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
NAME:	CONNAUGHTON, ALEX J	
MAILING ADDRESS:	2392 STONY LN BREA, CA 92821	
SITUS ADDRESS:	3448 GLENALBYN DR	
ASSESSOR'S ID NO:	5452013002 / INVOICE NO: BC12004685	
ASSESSMENT:	\$1,441.00	

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$444.00	\$997.00	\$1,441.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant believed that he had properly completed all of the required brush clearance prior to the proposed assessment. In a letter, dated February 20, 2012, unsigned. Appellant wrote that he did not receive notices at his primary address and his renters were out of town. Had the notices been received there, the Appellant believed he would than have been given adequate notice, and time, to remedy the situation before the imposition of any fees

Appellant added that he believed that the brush clearance work that was done was sufficient to meet the compliance requirements, and that he should be exempt from having to pay what he considered to be the extra costs. .

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 13, 2011, with a compliance due date of June 7, 2011. No mail was returned. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file.

Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 14, 2011. A work order was prepared and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who cleared the property on July 11, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The Department's records indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, sending notices to the owner's address on file at the County Recorder's Office.

The Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup. Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,441.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 20, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175013
NAME: MAR AND COMPANY INC COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 5939
GLENDALE, CA 91221 5939
SITUS ADDRESS: V/L E/OF 701 & 657 ISABEL
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5452016026 / INVOICE NO: BC12004719
ASSESSMENT: \$1,113.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$175.00	\$938.00	\$1,113.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The secretary for the Appellant appeared at the Brush Clearance Hearing on April 20, 2012. She claimed that the appellant had cleared the property and that there was no need for the City to clear it. That they cleared someone else property and charged the Appellant. She presented pictures, which she claims show her property lines, but there are no dates on said pictures. The Inspector and City Contractor provided pictures with the Inspector standing directly behind 701 and 657 Isabel St., which clearly shows the property was in need of clearance.

On April 25, the secretary for the Appellant brought in a packet of information to be considered for this appeal. She provided her same undated pictures and a receipt from gardener stating clean up, but no pictures showing before, during and after what he did clear. The Fire Inspector, who has been an expert in the brush clearance for years, revisited the information, and his decision was that the further information did not show anything further to change the decision.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on June 15, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on July 12, 2011. A work order was prepared and the property was posted on July 12, 2011.

The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on August 18, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The Fire Department record reflects that due process was afforded the appellant as all notices and postings were sent as required by law no mail was returned to

the Department The record further shows that the Fire Department posted the property with a Notice to Abate a Nuisance and Fire Hazard. The Fire Inspector and City Contractors provided photographs depicting the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearance.

The total assessment due is \$1,113.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 18, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175035
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
NAME: LIU, JOSEPH
MAILING ADDRESS: 8316 GARIBALDI AVE
SAN GABRIEL, CA 91775
SITUS ADDRESS: V/L 40 FT S/OF 3589 GLENALBYN DR
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5452018001 / INVOICE NO: BC12004750
ASSESSMENT: \$1,082.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$144.00	\$938.00	\$1,082.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellants Ms. Nancy Liu and Mr. Chris Liu stated that they believed that all of the required brush clearance had been properly completed by their landscaper, Mr. Miguel Cortez, who accompanied them to the hearing, prior to the proposed assessment.

Appellants stated that they received no notices that their property was in compliance.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 11, 2011.
There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file.
Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on October 13, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor who cleared the property on December 5, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,082.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 18, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175035
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1

NAME: JIE CAO

MAILING ADDRESS: 15548 LOS ALTOS DR
HACIENDA HTS, CA 91745

SITUS ADDRESS: VACANT LOT

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5452018016 / INVOICE NO: BC12004776

ASSESSMENT: \$1,082.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$144.00	\$938.00	\$1,082.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the Brush Clearance Assessment.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 11, 2011.
There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file.
Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on October 13, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property posted and was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor who completed the clearance work on December 5, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,082.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 19, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175035
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1

NAME: BICH HONG VO

MAILING ADDRESS: 15333 SUNSET BLVD
PACIFIC PLSDS, CA 90272

SITUS ADDRESS: VACANT LOT

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5452018022 / INVOICE NO: BC12004792

ASSESSMENT: \$1,082.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$144.00	\$938.00	\$1,082.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant stated that the City contractors had cleared the wrong parcel.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on October 13, 2011.
There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The Fire Department records reflect the Appellant was afforded due process as the Fire Inspector made all appearances and mailed and posted all notices as legally required. However, the City contractor cleared the wrong lot and it is the recommendation of the Fire Department that all assessment fees are waived.

The total assessment due is \$0.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 19, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175035
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1

NAME: WU, DAVID AND

MAILING ADDRESS: 18138 DORSET CT
ROWLAND HGHTS, CA 91748

SITUS ADDRESS: VACANT LOT

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5452018023 / INVOICE NO: BC12004800

ASSESSMENT: \$1,082.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$144.00	\$938.00	\$1,082.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 11, 2011.
There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file.
Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 23, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on December 5, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,082.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 18, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175035
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1

NAME: JIE CAO

MAILING ADDRESS: 15548 LOS ALTOS DR
HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745

SITUS ADDRESS: 3558 N CAMINO REAL

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5452018025 / INVOICE NO: BC12004826

ASSESSMENT: \$1,082.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$144.00	\$938.00	\$1,082.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the Brush Clearance Assessment.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 11, 2011.
There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file.
Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on October 13, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property posted and was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor who completed the clearance work on December 5, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,082.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 20, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175038
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
NAME: AYALA, ARTHUR L JR AND LORENZA
MAILING ADDRESS: 204 S 1ST AVE
COVINA, CA 91723
SITUS ADDRESS: VL 60' FROM CO OF FORTUNE ST / C
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5454006025 / INVOICE NO: BC12004966
ASSESSMENT: \$1,338.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$400.00	\$938.00	\$1,338.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant stated that he believed that he had properly completed all of the required brush clearance prior to the proposed assessment. Appellant contended that his property was cleared before the compliance due date of November 29, 2011. The Appellant produced an email sent to him from his neighbor, M. Steven Hui, which purported showed the property was in compliance on November 11, 2011. Appellant stated he went to his property and it was cleared on November 27, 2011.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 12, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 23, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on November 30, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned. The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs.

An issue arose whether the Fire Department was able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

It is the recommendation of the Fire Department that the Appellant only be responsible for the Cost of Clearance.

The total assessment due is \$400.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175033
NAME: LIZARDO, JOSE L AND ROSA M COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
MAILING ADDRESS: 3120 CHAUCER ST
LOS ANGELES, CA 90065
SITUS ADDRESS: VL 1261 ISABEL ST
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5454009005 / INVOICE NO: BC12005005
ASSESSMENT: \$1,038.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$100.00	\$938.00	\$1,038.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant stated that he believed that he had properly completed all of the required brush clearance prior to the proposed assessment.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 12, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 23, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on October 30, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,038.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 20, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175033
NAME: LIZARDO, JOSE L AND ROSA M COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
MAILING ADDRESS: 3120 CHAUCER ST
LOS ANGELES, CA 90065
SITUS ADDRESS: VL 1263 ISABEL ST
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5454009006 / INVOICE NO: BC12005013
ASSESSMENT: \$1,038.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$100.00	\$938.00	\$1,038.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant stated that he believed that he had properly completed all of the required brush clearance prior to the proposed assessment.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 12, 2011.
There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file.
Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 23, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on October 30, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, given the above circumstances, it is this Hearing Officer's recommendation is that Appellants be responsible for the Cost of Clean-up for each parcel given that they are contiguous to one another, and that only one Administrative Fee be charged.

The total assessment due is \$100.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175030
NAME: AGUILAR, MANFREDO AND MARTA COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
MAILING ADDRESS: 2307 JULIET ST
LOS ANGELES, CA 90007
SITUS ADDRESS: V/L 20' N/O & BEHIND 1333 ISABEL
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5454009019 / INVOICE NO: BC12005047
ASSESSMENT: \$1,138.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$200.00	\$938.00	\$1,138.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant stated that he believed that he had properly completed all of the required brush clearance prior to the proposed assessment.

Appellant added that he believed that before May, and about the last week in April, he had cleared the property of weeds, brush, car tires, and debris.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 12, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 12, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on October 25, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,138.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175030
NAME: KNOWLAND CONSTRUCTION COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
MAILING ADDRESS: 2872 N MOUNT CURVE AVE
ALTADENA, CA 91001
SITUS ADDRESS: V/L E/OF 1415 CLIFF DR
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5454011033 / INVOICE NO: BC12005096
ASSESSMENT: \$1,038.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$100.00	\$938.00	\$1,038.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant, Ms. Diane Knowland, stated that she believed that her husband's contractor prior to the proposed assessment had properly completed all of the required brush clearance. Appellant added that her husband inspected the property in May and found brush and other items of debris that they believe were the result of illegal dumping on their property.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 12, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 16, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on October 20, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,038.00.

2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011182020
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14
NAME: VINZANT, GLENN R
MAILING ADDRESS: 2265 MOSS AVE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90065
SITUS ADDRESS: 2310 N YORKSHIRE
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5462008033 / INVOICE NO: BC12005369
ASSESSMENT: \$1,371.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$433.00	\$938.00	\$1,371.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the scheduled Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 5, 2011, with a compliance due date of June 7, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on July 9, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on October 28, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,371.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 19, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175021
NAME: LEE, KI H AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14
MAILING ADDRESS: 612 N ARDEN BLVD
LOS ANGELES, CA 90004
SITUS ADDRESS: V/L 75' N/OF 3633 PRIMAVERA
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5464003028 / INVOICE NO: BC12005955
ASSESSMENT: \$1,123.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$185.00	\$938.00	\$1,123.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the scheduled Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 3, 2011.
There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file.
Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 14, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed clearance work on September 15, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,123.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 19, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011173015
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14
NAME: BEST WORKERS COMP E LLC
MAILING ADDRESS: 969 N LA BREA AVE
INGLEWOOD CA 90302
SITUS ADDRESS: V/L S/OF 328 FURNESS
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5467024005 / INVOICE NO: BC12006227
ASSESSMENT: \$1,138.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$200.00	\$938.00	\$1,138.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant, Mr. Stan Ofomata, stated he believed that he had properly completed all of the required brush clearance prior to the proposed assessment. Appellant provided photographs, which he said showed that he had cleared the property, and a Receipt # 209154 dated April 3, 2011 from Mr. Jose Chavez for \$350.00 for weed and brush clearance. Appellant added that he did not receive any notices.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 25, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on July 25, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on September 30, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned. The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

The photographs taken by the Appellant have no verification regarding when they were taken, and reflect no trees. The photographs taken by both the Department Inspector, and the City Contractor, show trees on the property. Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the total assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,138.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011173017
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14

NAME: CHIN, WILLIAM AND DARLENE TRS

MAILING ADDRESS: 2423 CARMAN CREST DR
LOS ANGELES, CA 90068

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L S OF 4829 MARMION WAY

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5467025014 / INVOICE NO: BC12006250

ASSESSMENT: \$1,138.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$200.00	\$938.00	\$1,138.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant stated that he believed that he had properly completed all of the required brush clearance prior to the proposed assessment.

Appellant stated that he had paid a contractor J & J Tree Service, Inc. to handle the brush clearance needed every year for the past sixteen years. Mr. Chin provided a copy of cancelled check # 9286 in the amount of \$1,300.00 on September 29, 2011. In addition, he provided a letter from J & J Tree Service, Inc., signed and dated April 13, 2012, wherein the company stated "I am deeply sorry that my crew did not inform me till later that the brush clearance of your lot was already pretty much cleared be someone else before September 20, 2011."

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on June 20, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 9, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on September 17, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

CHIN, WILLIAM AND DARLENE TRS

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,138.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011173017
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14
NAME: ARSHAD, MOHAMMAD M
MAILING ADDRESS: 17041 ROSCOE BLVD
NORTHRIDGE CA 91325
SITUS ADDRESS: V/L S/OF 4829 MARMION WY
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5467025023 / INVOICE NO: BC12006326
ASSESSMENT: \$1,128.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$190.00	\$938.00	\$1,128.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant stated that he had just bought the property, and that the responsibility for lot clearance belonged to the previous owner. Appellant stated that he had purchased the property on October 22, 2010.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 28, 2011, with a compliance due date of June 20, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 9, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on September 17, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned. The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

In addition, records indicate that the Appellant had submitted a change of ownership on or around February 10, 2011, well before the inspection and notices, changing the owner's name and address to his own. Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,128.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 23, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175024
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14
NAME: HOLY VIRGIN MARY COPTIC , ATTENTION: MR. MAGDI S.
"MAC" ABDOU
MAILING ADDRESS: 4900 CLELAND AVE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90042
SITUS ADDRESS: V/L REAR OF 4951 ALDAMA ST
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5471015020 / INVOICE NO: BC12006375
ASSESSMENT: \$1,513.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$575.00	\$938.00	\$1,513.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant, Mr. Magi Abdou, stated he believed that his contractors prior to the proposed assessment had properly completed all of the required brush clearance. Mr. Abdou requested an opportunity to send via email additional photographs that his contractor had taken showing the brush clearance work that the Church had paid \$1,200.00 for previously. These photographs were received and reviewed.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 20, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 4, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on September 29, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned. The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs.

There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup. Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,513.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011173015
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14
NAME: SERAYDARIAN, GEORGE AND SONIA TRS
MAILING ADDRESS: 540 N MONTEBELLO BLVD STE B
MONTEBELLO CA 90640
SITUS ADDRESS: V/L 40' W/OF 4857 ELDRED ST
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5471017015 / INVOICE NO: BC12006383
ASSESSMENT: \$1,138.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$200.00	\$938.00	\$1,138.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant, Mr. George Seraydfarian, did not appear at the Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing scheduled for April 17, 2012, but submitted a letter instead. In his letter, signed and dated for the same day, Appellant stated that he believed that his gardener prior to the proposed assessment had properly completed all of the required brush clearance. Also included were photographs the Appellant stated were taken by the gardener, and a copy of the check for those services so rendered. Check # 325 shows payment in the amount of \$570.00, dated October 20, 2011.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 31, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 1, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on September 3, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,138.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011173016
NAME: WASHINGTON, DALE COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14
MAILING ADDRESS: 6392 CANTILES AVE
CYPRESS, CA 90630
SITUS ADDRESS: V/L 123FT W 4858 GRANADA ST
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5471020015 / INVOICE NO: BC12006425
ASSESSMENT: \$1,118.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$180.00	\$938.00	\$1,118.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the scheduled Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 31, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 8, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted out to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on September 3, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,118.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011173016
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14
NAME: WASHINGTON, DALE
MAILING ADDRESS: 6392 CANTILES AVE
CYPRESS CA 90630
SITUS ADDRESS: VACANT LOT
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5471020016 / INVOICE NO: BC12006433
ASSESSMENT: \$1,118.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$180.00	\$938.00	\$1,118.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the scheduled Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 31, 2011.
There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file.
Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 8, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted out to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on September 3, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,118.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 23, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175016
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14

NAME: BRASELTON, HOYT TR

MAILING ADDRESS: 3700 W AVENUE 40
LOS ANGELES, CA 90065

SITUS ADDRESS: 3700 W AVENUE 40

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5472004042 / INVOICE NO: BC12006474

ASSESSMENT: \$1,508.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$570.00	\$938.00	\$1,508.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the scheduled Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 16, 2011.
There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file.
Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on July 28, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who cleared the property on August 22, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,508.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 18, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175033
NAME: HOMES FOR LIFE FOUNDATION COUNCIL DISTRICT:
MAILING ADDRESS: 8939 S SEPULVEDA BLVD # 460
LOS ANGELES CA 90045
SITUS ADDRESS: 4902 BUCHANAN ST
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5477008001 / INVOICE NO: BC12006680
ASSESSMENT: \$1,038.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$100.00	\$938.00	\$1,038.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

Appellant Ms. Carol Liesse, and Mr. James Withrow believed that all of the required brush clearance had been properly completed, and that when the property was inspected no hazard was evident. Appellants stated that they run and manage a non-profit organization taking care of chronically ill adults at their facility, which since 1989 has been funded through the City of Los Angeles. "Homes for Life Foundation" are stated as being a "nonprofit corporation serving persons with special needs."

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on September 20, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on October 17, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor who cleared the property on October 30, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned. The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

However, given the Fire Department's recommendation that the Administrative fee be waived as a courtesy, it appears a benefit was conferred still on the property, and that the Cost of Clearance fees were properly assessed and should be upheld.

The recommended assessment due is \$100.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 16, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175018
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14
NAME: WILDWOOD DEVELOPMENT LLC
MAILING ADDRESS: 3835 FRANKLIN AVE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90027
SITUS ADDRESS: V/L S/OF 1533, 1537 WILDWOOD DR
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5479003002 / INVOICE NO: BC12006730
ASSESSMENT: \$1,128.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$190.00	\$938.00	\$1,128.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant, Mr. Pedro Celadon, stated that he believed that he had properly completed all of the required brush clearance prior to the proposed assessment. Appellant asked to provide additional photographs taken by his contractor, Mr. Alfonso Perez. These were received on April 23, 2012.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 16, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on July 12, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on September 2, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup. However, the Appellant was requested by the Fire Department to provide additional pictures to which he complied.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Fire Department that the Appellant only be responsible for the Cost of Clearance.

The total assessment due is \$190.00.

2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE
HEARING DATE: April 16, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175028
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14
NAME: CELEDON, PEDRO P AND
MAILING ADDRESS: 3835 FRANKLIN AVE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90027
SITUS ADDRESS: V/L S/OF 1537, 1541 WILDWOOD DR
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5479003003 / INVOICE NO: BC12006748
ASSESSMENT: \$1,113.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$175.00	\$938.00	\$1,113.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant, Mr. Pedro Celadon, appeared at the Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing stated that he believed that all of the required brush clearance had been properly completed by him prior to the proposed assessment. Appellant asked to provide additional photographs taken by his contractor, Mr. Alfonso Perez. These were received on April 23, 2012.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 16, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on July 12, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on September 2, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup. However, the Appellant was requested by the Fire Department to provide additional pictures to which he complied.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Fire Department that the Appellant only be responsible for the Cost of Clearance.

The total assessment due is \$1,113.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR 2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 23, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175018
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14

NAME: WILDWOOD DEVELOPMENT LLC

MAILING ADDRESS: 3839 FRANKLIN AVE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90027

SITUS ADDRESS: VACANT LOT

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5479003030 / INVOICE NO: BC12006789

ASSESSMENT: \$1,128.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$190.00	\$938.00	\$1,128.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant, Mr. Pedro Celadon, appeared at the Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing scheduled on April 16, 2012, and stated that he believed that all of the required brush clearance had been properly completed by him prior to the proposed assessment. Appellant asked to provide additional photographs taken by his contractor, Mr. Alfonso Perez. These were received on April 23, 2012.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 16, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on July 12, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on September 2, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup. However, the Appellant was requested by the Fire Department to provide additional pictures to which he complied. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Fire Department that the Appellant only be responsible for the Cost of Clearance.

The total assessment due is \$190.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR 2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012

PACKAGE NO: 2011175028

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14

NAME: ROS, PROSPERO A AND

MAILING ADDRESS: 11572 STRATHERN ST
N HOLLYWOOD, CA 91605

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L S/OF 1503 WILDWOOD

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5479004008 / INVOICE NO: BC12006797

ASSESSMENT: \$1,113.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$175.00	\$938.00	\$1,113.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant stated that he believed that he had properly completed all of the required brush clearance prior to the proposed assessment. Appellant added that while he had received a letter indicating that more brush clearance work needed to be done, the letter did not specify the location.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 27, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 27, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor who completed the clearance work on October 19, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,113.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR 2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175028
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14

NAME: ESQUEDA, LARRY AND ROSA

MAILING ADDRESS: 1501 SILVERWOOD DR

SITUS ADDRESS: V/L S/OF 1515 WILDWOOD DR

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5479004011 / INVOICE NO: BC12006805

ASSESSMENT: \$1,113.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$175.00	\$938.00	\$1,113.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellants stated that he believed that he had properly completed all of the required brush clearance prior to the proposed assessment, as he had always done for the past twelve years.

Appellant added that he believed that the clearance work as reflected in the City Contractor's photographs were not taken on his property, but a neighbor's, and provided a comprehensive folder, which included correspondence to and from the Department, and photographs.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 27, 2011, with a compliance due date of June 20, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on September 22, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who cleared the property on October 19, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that brush clearance and abatement work had been done by the property prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment is \$1,113.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175028
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14
NAME: CASTELLANOS, MIGUEL AND MICHELLE
MAILING ADDRESS: 1436 RIDERWOOD AVE
HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745
SITUS ADDRESS: VACANT LOT
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5479004020 / INVOICE NO: BC12006813
ASSESSMENT: \$1,113.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$175.00	\$938.00	\$1,113.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant stated that he believed that he had properly completed all of the required brush clearance prior to the proposed assessment. Appellant added that he did not believe that he had cleared the property, and that all that remained was a clump of poison oak that had not been removed.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 16, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 12, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on October 19, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

The Department Inspector indicated to the Appellant that the length and breadth of the property needed to be cleared, including the hillside.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup. Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,113.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 23, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011173032
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14

NAME: PHAM, HUYEN LE

MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 1180
LAWNDALE, CA 90260

SITUS ADDRESS: VACANT LOT

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5480032025 / INVOICE NO: BC12006953

ASSESSMENT: \$1,268.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$330.00	\$938.00	\$1,268.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant's representative produced pictures and a receipt in the amount of \$870. 00 for brush clearance.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on November 17, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on November 17, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 17, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

Due to the above stated facts that the Appellant paid for \$870.00 of clearing the assessment to the Appellant is \$330.00 cost of City clearing, the Fire Inspector made all appearances and mailed and posted all notices as legally required, affording the Appellant due process.

The total assessment due is \$330.00

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 19, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011171080
COUNCIL DISTRICT:
NAME: GAON, SARAH
MAILING ADDRESS: 610 N CURSON AVE
LOS ANGELES CA 90036
SITUS ADDRESS: 610 N CURSON AVE
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5526016017 / INVOICE NO: BC12007126
ASSESSMENT: \$7,888.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$6,950.00	\$938.00	\$7,888.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant's daughter sent in a written appeal.

She claims that the articles around the house were to sell to get revenue to survive. The Appellant does not have Social Security benefits, however, the daughter does have an income and does take care of her mother and brother. She lives in the house with her mother.

The Inspector gave the Appellant extra time and did not send out a clearance order until late December 2011. The Appellant made no effort whatsoever to clear the property and avoid City intervention.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on December 3, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on December 5, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on December 5, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The Fire Department record reflects that due process was afforded the Appellant as all notices were mailed and posted as legally required. The record further shows that the Fire Inspector posted the property with a Notice to Abate a Public Nuisance. And Fire Hazard. The Fire Inspector and the City Contractor provided photographs, which depicted the serious condition of the property at the time of the clearing.

The total assessment due is \$7,888.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011179028
NAME: DUONG, DAO COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
MAILING ADDRESS: 25027 PEACHLAND AVE # 260
NEWHALL, CA 91321
SITUS ADDRESS: V/L WEST OF 6869 LOS ALTOS
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5549026007 / INVOICE NO: BC12007159
ASSESSMENT: \$1,088.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$150.00	\$938.00	\$1,088.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant, Ms. Dao Duong, accompanied by Mr. Tuan Duong, stated that they believed that all of the required brush clearance had been properly completed prior to the proposed assessment.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on June 2, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on October 19, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the brush clearance work on November 28, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,088.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 23, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011171058
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5

NAME: KAPLAN, PETER D TR

MAILING ADDRESS: 8711 ST IVES DR
LOS ANGELES, CA 90069

SITUS ADDRESS: 8711 ST IVES DR

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5560003015 / INVOICE NO: BC12007316

ASSESSMENT: \$1,113.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$175.00	\$938.00	\$1,113.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant claims that he did see any notification to abate a public nuisance because he lives around the corner from the property.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on October 3, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on October 9, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on October 9, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against you property has been confirmed in the amount as set out in the notice. The Fire Department record reflects that the appellant was afforded due process as all notices were mailed and posted a legally required.

The record further shows that the Inspector posted the property with a Notice to Abate a Nuisance and Fire Hazard and the Fire Inspector and the City Contractor provided photographs that depict the hazardous conditions that existed at the time of the clearance.

The total assessment due is \$1,113.00

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 23, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011171026
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
NAME: SYNN, GORDON
MAILING ADDRESS: 2361 W 236TH ST
TORRANCE, CA 90501
SITUS ADDRESS: 7506 WILLOW GLEN RD / VACANT LOT
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5569014017 / INVOICE NO: BC12007423
ASSESSMENT: \$1,715.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$777.00	\$938.00	\$1,715.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The appellant claims to have been contacting contractors to clear his property when the City cleared it. He claims not enough time. On August 10, 2011 the Inspector put out a work order and the City cleared the property. The appellant had been given four months to clear his property.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on August 9, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on August 10, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on August 10, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against you property has been confirmed in the amount as set out in the notice. The Fire Department record reflects that the appellant was afforded due process as the Fire Inspector made all appearances and mailed and posted all notices as legally required.

The record further shows that the Inspector posted the Property with a Notice to Abate a Nuisance and Fire Hazard. The Fire Inspector and the City Contractor provided photographs that depicted the hazardous condition that existed at the time of the clearing.

The total assessment due is \$1,715.00

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 17, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011179027
NAME: EDELIST, ALLEN TR ET AL COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4
MAILING ADDRESS: 4420 SHERMAN OAKS CIR
SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91403
SITUS ADDRESS: 3397 BARHAM BLVD
ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5579007022 / INVOICE NO: BC12007555
ASSESSMENT: \$1,288.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$350.00	\$938.00	\$1,288.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant stated that he believed that he had properly completed all of the required brush clearance prior to the proposed assessment. Appellant added that he believed that all of the notices were being sent to a house that he had sold three years prior.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 28, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on October 19, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted and subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on November 28, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

According to the Department records, notice was sent to the Appellant's current address, as reflected on official records pertaining to the property owner's address. The Department records do not indicate that any mail was returned.

The Department's records also indicate that the property was properly posted with signs. There appears to be no issue as to whether the Appellant was properly served, and the Department has been able to present documentation sufficient to show that the brush clearance and abatement work had not been fully completed by the property owner according to the necessary code requirements to negate the posed fire safety hazards prior to contractor cleanup.

Therefore, it appears that the Cost of Clearance and the Administrative fees were properly assessed, and that the Total Assessment should be upheld.

The total assessment due is \$1,288.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 20, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175014
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 14

NAME: MESHKIN, MATT

MAILING ADDRESS: 17632 METZLER LN #210
HUNTINGTN BCH, CA 92647

SITUS ADDRESS: VACANT LOT

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 5689005015 / INVOICE NO: BC12007787

ASSESSMENT: \$1,180.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$242.00	\$938.00	\$1,180.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant failed to appear at their scheduled 2011 Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on July 22, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on July 25, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on July 25, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property is confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The Fire Department record reflects that due process was afforded the appellant as all notices were mailed and posted as legally required and no notices were returned to the Department.

The record further shows that the Fire Inspector posted the property with a Notice to Abate a Nuisance and Fire Hazard. The Fire Inspector and City Contractors provided photographs depicting the hazardous condition of the property that existed at the time of the clearance.

The total assessment due is \$1,180.00

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 23, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011171066

COUNCIL DISTRICT:

NAME: WALTERS, ROBERT A TR

MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 2039
PALOS VERDES ESTATES CA 90274

SITUS ADDRESS: 1615 265TH ST

ASSESSOR'S ID NO: 7411026023 / INVOICE NO: BC12007829

ASSESSMENT: \$3,138.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$2,200.00	\$938.00	\$3,138.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant claims that although he lives out of state, he keeps the property cleared at all times. The appellant claimed the City cut fruit trees and an acorn tree. He was told to deal with that with the Contractors who cleared the property. At the hearing, the Appellant included the yellow door tag and red tag in his paperwork.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on November 2, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on November 8, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was posted on November 8, 2011. The property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor and work was completed on. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The Fire Department record reflects that due process was afforded the appellant as all notices were mailed and posted as legally required. The record further shows that The Inspector posted the Property with a Notice to Abate a Nuisance and Fire Hazard. And the Fire Inspector and the City Contractor provided photographs depicting the condition of the property at the time of the clearing.

The total assessment due is \$3,138.00.

REPORT AND PROPOSED DECISION
ON ASSESTMENT HEARING FOR
2011 BRUSH CLEARANCE

HEARING DATE: April 26, 2012 PACKAGE NO: 2011175012
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 1
NAME: ROY,GARY F
MAILING ADDRESS: 313 QUINCY AVE
LONG BEACH, CA 90814
SITUS ADDRESS: VL OPP 1539 RANDALL CT
ASSESOR'S ID NO: 5464030027 / INVOICE NO: BC12005989
ASSESSMENT: \$1,163.00

Cost of Clearance	Administrative Fee	Total Assessment
\$225.00	\$938.00	\$1,163.00

SUBSTANCE OF PROTEST

The Appellant did not appear at the Brush Clearance Assessment Hearing scheduled for April 26, 2012, and filed a written appeal. He stated that he his house has no real ingress to get to his property and that he cannot obtain a permit to build on same, so he cannot be held responsible for brush clearance.

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Department issued an F-1308 Notice of Noncompliance on May 7, 2011. There was no record of an F-1307 Cleared-By-Owner Inspection Report on file. Therefore, a Second Notice of Noncompliance was issued on June 20, 2011.

A work order was prepared and the property was subsequently contracted to a City Contractor, who completed the clearance work on October 18, 2011. Photographs are on file showing the condition of the property before, during and after clearance.

PROPOSED DECISION AND RECOMMENDATION

The proposed assessment against your property has been confirmed in the amount as set forth in the notice. The Fire Department record indicates that due process was afforded the Appellant as all notices were mailed and posted as required by law.

The record also shows that the property was posted with a Notice to Abate a Nuisance and Fire Hazard. The Fire Inspector and City Contractor provided photographs, which depicted the hazardous conditions at the time of the clearance. Appellant did not provide sufficient evidence or documentation to waive the fee.

The total assessment due is \$1,256.00.