Dear Chair Smith and Planning Commissioners,

Before the pc Thursday night is a consideration of setting a color temp standard for city streetlights. I believe this is a matter for public works, not the planning commission. The zoning ordinance deals with land use matters, not lamp standards for city owned street lights.

Please explain the basis for your review. Lacking in your packet/staff report is any info on this topic other than showing of manufactures availability for streetlight lamps of a certain color temperature. This is insufficient information upon which to base any discussion or even make a recommendation.

Here is what I know: I attended the public works hearing before city council several months ago dealing with replacing the high pressure sodium SCE lights in the neighborhoods with city owned LED ones where the topic of color temperature was raised. At that time, public works staff indicated they understood the desire for 2800K temp for the neighborhoods for the new streetlights. And that a higher color temp lamp for street lights at intersections and other places needing the bluer, whiter light was warranted. It wasn't the case that one standard would apply citywide anyway. Thus the one standard of 3000K temperature you are considering isn't necessarily appropriate.

Lastly, it is my understanding that the color temp standard is undergoing review and could be changed based on several factors according to city engineer with whom I spoke today. Therefore I don't believe it warrants your further consideration at this time.

However, if the planning commission feels the need to provide public works with a recommendation outside of the zoning ordinance consideration or even to the city council which will be making a decision on the streetlight issue, it should be of a broad nature to reflect the public testimony during your hearings about dark sky lighting standards in the lighting ordinance and the preference for using using color temperatures appropriate to the particular setting of where the light is to be used and not overlighting the area.

Or you could just dismiss this issue as not being applicable to your purview. And have a shorter meeting. You deserve it. Thank you for considering my comments.

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Pls provide me background info/authority for pc making this recommended.

Thank you.