

MOTION

Los Angeles is facing a crisis of copper wire thefts. In Boyle Heights, Lincoln Heights, and El Sereno alone, thieves have darkened 3,738 streetlights by ripping out the copper wire from the light poles. In recent weeks, the 6th Street Viaduct was similarly snuffed out after criminals stole tens of thousands of dollars of copper wire. The City, quite literally, is being stripped for parts.

Due to the sheer magnitude of thefts, the City must take a comprehensive approach to addressing copper wire theft. This can be achieved with the creation of a special joint task force between the Los Angeles Police Department's Central Bureau and the Bureau of Street Lighting.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department (LAPD) with the assistance of the Bureau of Street Lighting be INSTRUCTED to create a Copper Wire Task Force to address the proliferation of copper wire theft in the communities of Downtown, Boyle Heights, El Sereno, and Lincoln Heights.

I THEREFORE MOVE that \$200,000 from the Council District 14 portion of the "Neighborhood Service Enhancements" line item in General City Purpose Fund No. 100-56 be transferred / appropriated to the Police Fund No. 100-70, Account No. 001092 (Sworn Overtime), to cover the costs of the task force for addressing the rampant theft of copper wire in Council District 14.

I FURTHER MOVE that LAPD be authorized to make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, and including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers; said corrections / clarifications / changes may be made orally, electronically or by any other means.

PRESENTED BY:



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