

## MOTION

For over one hundred years, the Los Angeles Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL) has been at the core of technology adaptation. Through delivering core City services that make our neighborhoods work, whether it's repairing a broken light, or installing electric vehicle chargers, BSL works to maintain a network of more than 200,000 street lights. BSL's recent "*LA Lights Strategic Plan 2020-2025*" aims to provide reliable, safe infrastructure for all residents and visitors, with an emphasis on lighting the way for equity. Basic lighting technology and infrastructure have considerable impacts on the overall quality of a street, especially for transportation and public safety.

Copper wire and power theft ("CWPT") incidents have dramatically increased in recent years, rising 338% between 2017-2018 and 2019-2020. CWPT response times grew to over two months in 2019-2020 and ultimately impacted BSL's ability to respond to more routine maintenance such as a "single light out". Areas of Council District 7 have been affected by these issues and response times for routine maintenance have significantly increased. Support and resources are needed to address these immediate incidents, as well as for long-term goals such as the High Impact Area (HIA) initiative and its potential to pilot additional areas.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the City Council instructs the Bureau of Street Lighting, in coordination with the City Administrative Officer and Chief Legislative Analyst, to report to the Council in 30 days on an overtime staffing plan to help combat copper wire and power theft and lighting outages, particularly in areas disparately impacted by these events, such as Council District 7; and

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the Bureau of Street Lighting provide long-term programmatic efforts, as detailed in the *LA Lights Strategic Plan 2020-2025*, including expansion of the High Impact Area initiative for areas disparately impacted by lighting deficiencies.

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