

MOTION

Inoperable street lights as a result of copper wire theft continues to be a concern for communities across Los Angeles. These thefts have created public safety issues for drivers, pedestrians, and local residents. It has been a growing issue for LA's lighting system and has resulted in more intensive and costly repairs.

Despite the increased output from field crews, the sheer rise in the number of incidents has resulted in increased response times for both vandalism related repairs and regular maintenance. This leaves communities vulnerable and without lighting for far too long.

Council District 12 communities have been hit extremely hard by the rising number of copper wire thefts resulting in transit and pedestrian corridors being left without street lighting for significant periods of time.

The Bureau of Street Lighting has the ability to implement "vandal-proof" measures that provide added security for pull boxes and hand holes. These measures show promise in withstanding break-in attempts.

There is a great need for additional services from the Bureau of Street Lighting within Council District 12. This effort is of special benefit for the residents of CD12 and deserves financial assistance from the City. Sufficient funds are available in the Council District 12 portion of the Neighborhood Service Enhancement line item in the GCP portion of the 2021-2022 City budget for this purpose.

I THEREFORE MOVE that \$60,000 in the Council District 12 portion of the Neighborhood Service Enhancements line-item General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56, be transferred/ appropriated to the Bureau of Street Lighting Fund 100, Department 84, Account 001090 to fund a pilot program in Council District 12 aimed at eliminating copper wire theft from vulnerable locations.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Street Lighting be authorized to make any technical corrections or clarifications to the above fund transfer instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this motion.

PRESENTED BY



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