

MOTION

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The City of Los Angeles, including the Third Council District, is confronting increased copper wire theft from street lighting systems. This has created public safety concerns for local residents, especially those who walk and rely on streetlights both to illuminate their path of travel and to enable motorists to see them.

Despite the best of effort of the Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL), the sharp rise in the number and magnitude of incidents has increased repair times and impeded regular maintenance. The Bureau recently reported that there was a backlog of more than 300 incidents in the Third District alone, most of which involved multiple streetlights.

The Bureau of Street Lighting has the ability to implement "vandal-proof" measures that provide added security for pull boxes and hand holes. In many cases, when performing this work, it is cost-effective to at the same time ensure that the light standards and fixtures are in good working order.

There is a great need for additional services from the Bureau of Street Lighting within Council District Three. This effort is of special benefit for the residents of the City and Council District Three and deserves financial assistance from the City. Sufficient funds are available in the Council District Three 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 \$100,000 in the Council District Three 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 efforts to repair streetlights and eliminate or deter copper wire theft in Council District Three.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Bureau of Street Lightning 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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Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:




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