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COUNCILMEMBER, 14TH DISTRICT

May 1, 2019

Honorable Paul Krekorian, Chair  
Budget and Finance Committee  
City of Los Angeles  
200 N.Spring Street, Room 435  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: DTLA Foot Patrol Request

Dear Chairman Krekorian and Committee Members:

I am writing to request your support for additional staff and resources for LAPD foot patrols in Downtown Los Angeles (DTLA). Downtown is not only a regional economic engine, it is a thriving center for dense, vibrant, urban residential living. It is estimated that DTLA's population is about 75,000, a seven-fold increase from just a few years ago, and it is estimated to grow by another 3-5% in this next year. This growth in residential living, along with the continued expansion of business activity, requires a re-examination of the public safety resources being deployed.

At a DTLA public safety town hall that I hosted last September, LAPD representatives mentioned that a study was long overdue in DTLA, which was needed in order to address more accurately public safety needs in one of the fastest growing downtowns in the United States.

I recognize and appreciate that the Mayor's proposed budget offers a generous increase to LAPD Overtime by approximately 40%. While these enhancements are very helpful, there remains a real and visible need for "foot patrols" in DTLA for its residents and businesses.

In addition, the proposed budget for the Information Technology Agency (ITA) funds critical technology investments in public safety communication systems and infrastructure upgrades as well as continued funding for network migration and upgrades. I believe that these investments can make our systems more efficient and allow for more officers to be deployed, including in DTLA.

I request the Budget and Finance Committee identify resources to expand LAPD foot patrols in DTLA, along with information about the scope and timeline of technology upgrades in the budget that could support the deployment of officers.

I look forward to continuing to work with you as we identify strategies to enhance and ensure public safety in DTLA and throughout our City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "José Huizar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

José Huizar  
Councilmember, 14<sup>th</sup> District