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Bob Blumenfield
Chair, Budget, Finance, and Innovation Committee
200 N Spring St., Room #465 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Support Mayor Bass' Proposed 2024-2025 Budget Which Includes \$3.9 Million in LAPD Overtime for DTLA

Dear Chair Blumenfield and Committee Members,

I am writing to you on behalf of Diamond Club West Coast, Inc. (DCWC), representing over 300+ members of the LA Jewelry District, to respectfully request your support for Mayor Bass' proposed 2024-2025 budget earmark of \$3.9 million in LAPD overtime specifically allocated for Downtown Los Angeles (DTLA).

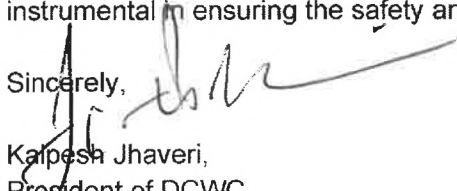
We deeply appreciate your committee's previous support for the \$3.5 million budget earmark in LAPD overtime, which yielded significant crime reductions in DTLA. The allocation facilitated the funding of various task forces, resulting in commendable outcomes:

- Zero successful smash and grab robberies in the Jewelry District area.
- 31 arrests from the Burglary from Motor Vehicles Task Force, leading to the recovery of 5 guns and 6 stolen vehicles. Moreover, partnerships with the FBI, CHP, and other municipalities were established to combat receivers of stolen property.
- From July 2023 to early January 2024, the greater Downtown Area witnessed a noteworthy reduction in violent, property, and overall Part 1 crimes. Central Division ranked third in overall property and Part 1 crime reduction citywide for 2023 and currently leads in Part 1 crime reduction.
- Establishment and funding of a copper wire theft task force, addressing the rampant theft that disrupts street lighting and other critical City infrastructure, resulting in 20 arrests.

Given the evident success of these overtime funds in addressing and preventing crime in DTLA, we earnestly urge you to support Mayor Bass' 2024-2025 budget earmark of \$3.9 million in LAPD overtime specifically designated for DTLA.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of this crucial matter. Your support is instrumental in ensuring the safety and prosperity of our community.

Sincerely,


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President of DCWC