Street lighting is a fundamental component of public infrastructure, and its functionality is essential for the safety and well-being of our communities. Working streetlights allow families to walk home safely, provide safe routes for local running clubs, and support vibrant, active neighborhoods after dark.

Yet many areas across the City continue to face streetlight outages due to aging infrastructure, copper wire theft, and delayed repairs. Streetlight outages have more than doubled Citywide since 2021, with approximately 1,900 reports in Boyle Heights last year alone. Neighborhoods most impacted by copper wire theft – including Boyle Heights, El Sereno, and Lincoln Heights – experience prolonged periods without functioning lights. These setbacks not only compromise public safety but also exacerbate inequities in communities that have historically been under-resourced.

Establishing a dedicated street lighting crew for Council District 14 is a necessary and proactive measure that strengthens public safety, reinforces the delivery of essential services, and ensures that all residents feel safe, connected, and supported in their neighborhoods.

I THEREFORE MOVE that \$1,070,000 from the AB1290 Fund No. 53P, Account No. 281214 (CD 14 Redevelopment Projects - Services) be transferred / appropriated to the below listed Accounts and in the amounts specified in the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street Lighting Fund 100-84 for a Council District 14-dedicated streetlight repair crew:

Account No.	Name	Amount
001090	Salaries, Overtime	\$100,000
001100	Hiring Hall – Salaries	\$500,000
001120	Hiring Hall – Benefits	\$300,000
008780	Street Lighting Improvements/Supplies	\$100,000
006020	Operating Supplies	\$70,000
	TOTAL	\$1,070,000

PRESENTED BY:

YSABEL JURADO Councilmember, 14th District

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