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Over the last several years due to attrition and elimination of vacancies, the current Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control (PETC) Officer staff, including Senior Traffic Supervisors, for the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (DOT) is now at just over 500 officers, more than 100 officers down from the peak of 650 just a couple of years ago.

Reductions have required the DOT to establish clear priorities and determine the essential duties for officers, including Inside Safe support, Council District operations, safety response (LAPD/LAFD), and daily street sweeping route coverage. These staffing reductions resulted in a diminished ability to effectively patrol parking meter districts that support local businesses and longer response times to investigate abandoned vehicle complaints, if at all. In addition, PETC has had to significantly reduce the number of Traffic Officers available to deploy for special events throughout the city, and is no longer able to support most non-reimbursable special events, including approximately 100 First Amendment events that PETC should be staffing. Even with an increase in overtime, staffing is woefully under funded and needs to be restored to levels that support the need for city services.

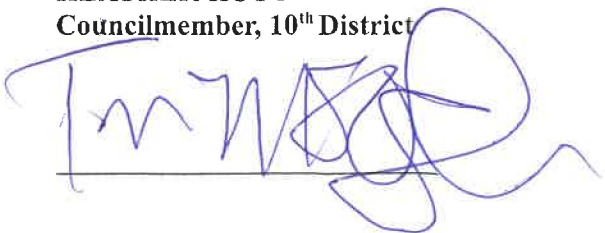
An important component of the City's PETC infrastructure is the PETC Communications Center, which manages and coordinates PETC response, as well as provides the overnight 311 call center services. The current utilization of overtime and PETC Officers to fill the staffing gaps is unsustainable and needs to be corrected. Further reductions in the PETC Communications Center will result in the elimination of nighttime 311 call services, as well as continual reliance on employees outside of classification and a reduction of PETC Officers on the streets.

With mega events like the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games on the horizon, now is the time for the City to invest in its traffic control and parking enforcement infrastructure to ensure a safer travelling environment for all modes of mobility.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the DOT, with the assistance of the CAO, to report back to Council with a long-term staffing and implementation plan, including costs and timeline, to increase the total number of active PETC staff to 700 by June of 2028.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the DOT, with the assistance of the CAO, to report back to Council with a long-term staffing and implementation plan, including costs and timeline, to increase the total number of active PETC Communications Center staff to 29 full time employees in the proper classification by June of 2028.

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