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## Request for \$4.5 million in OT for LAPD Central

1 message

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**Diamond Club West Coast, Inc.** <admin@diamondclubwestcoast.com>  
Bcc: Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org

Sat, Apr 25, 2026 at 10:36 PM

Dear Mayor Bass and Council Member Jurado,

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Our members' livelihoods depend on a safe and secure environment for their businesses, employees, customers, and vendors.

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Thank you for your consideration and leadership on this matter.

Thank You!

**Radhika Malhotra, Managing Director**

**Diamond Club West Coast Inc.**

550 S. Hill St. Suite 1600

Los Angeles, CA-90013

[www.diamondclubwestcoast.com](http://www.diamondclubwestcoast.com)

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### 2 attachments

 **LAPD OT Request1.zip**  
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Mayor Karen Bass  
200 N Spring St. Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Sincerely,  
Radhika Malhotra  
Managing Director

ADLER TRADING COMPANY INC.  
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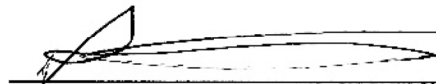
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Doron Auslander:



Date:

4/23/2026

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213-272-4546 / auslander7@gmail.com

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Los Angeles, CA 90013  
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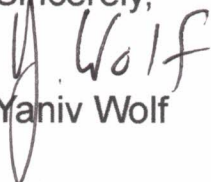
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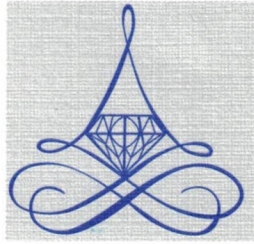
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Allied Creations  
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**A M D E N**  
**JEWELRY**

April 24, 2026

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Pascal Javaheri  
CFO

**Aska Artisans**  
**550 S. Hill St Suite 1600**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90014**

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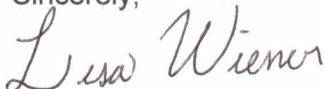
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Lisa Wiener  
President of Aska Artisans  
V.P. Diamond Club West Coast



## B&J DIAMOND, INC.

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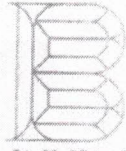
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Sincerely,

Sunil Mehta  
Manager

# Bright Diamonds Inc.

550 S. Hill St, Suite 1600, Los Angeles, CA, 90013

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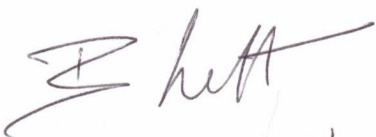
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Pankaj Sheth

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Azar Borna  
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360 N. Bedford Drive Suite 201, Beverly Hills, CA 90120

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CIGAR CROWNS



**Coins Depot Inc**

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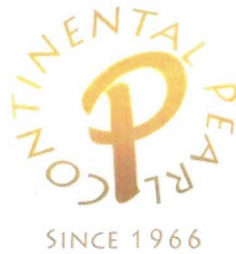
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Matt Zadeh  
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Sincerely,

Ankeet Y. Shah

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Los Angeles, CA 90013  
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# DIAM GATE INC.

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200 N Spring St.  
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April 24, 2026

Subject: Safety Concerns While Visiting Downtown LA

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Bhavita Shah  
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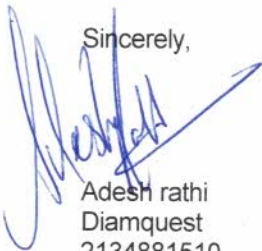
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**Diaring Inc.**  
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Tel. No. (323) 309-4737

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Devang Vora  
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(323) 309-4737

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550 S. Hill Street, Suite 1600  
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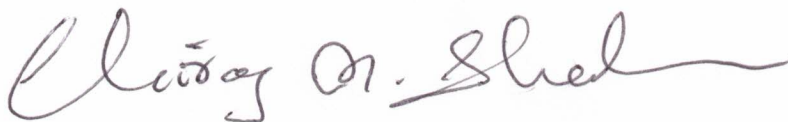
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Chirag Shah

# DIAM VENTURES, INC.

550 SOUTH HILL STREET, SUITE 976

LOS ANGELES, CA 90013

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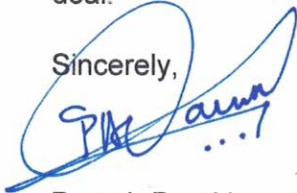
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On a daily basis, I witness situations that make employees and visitors uncomfortable—open drug use, theft, and unpredictable behavior. Many of us feel unsafe commuting to and from work, especially during early or late hours.

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I also want to emphasize that last year's overtime funding did not result in a noticeable increase in patrols in our area. This time, we ask that funding be specifically allocated to Downtown Los Angeles so it can make a real impact.

Your support in increasing safety for those of us who work here would mean a great deal.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Karen Bass  
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Date:4-23-2026

**Subject: Urgent Request for Dedicated \$4.5 million LAPD Overtime Funding for Downtown Los Angeles**

Dear Mayor Bass,

I am writing to respectfully urge the approval of **dedicated overtime funding for the Los Angeles Police Department, specifically allocated to Downtown Los Angeles.**

While citywide statistics may suggest improvements, the reality on the ground tells a different story. Quality-of-life issues—open drug use, theft, assaults, and ongoing public disturbances—have become increasingly visible. For those of us who live, work, and conduct business in Downtown, the perception of safety has significantly declined.

At the same time, the City continues to face officer attrition, hiring challenges, and ongoing budget constraints. **With fewer officers available, overtime remains the only immediate and effective tool to maintain a visible and proactive police presence. Increased foot patrols, stronger enforcement in high-incident areas, and targeted deployments are critical to restoring both safety and public confidence.**

It is also important to note that while overtime funding was approved previously, it was absorbed into the general LAPD labor budget and did not result in the sustained, visible presence Downtown requires. For this reason, we respectfully request that any newly approved overtime funding be specifically designated and protected for Downtown deployment.

As Los Angeles prepares to host global events such as the FIFA World Cup and the Olympic Games, maintaining a safe and welcoming Downtown is not only a local priority but a matter of international significance.

Overtime is not a permanent solution, but it is a necessary and immediate step to stabilize current conditions. We urge you to prioritize and approve this funding without delay.

Thank you for your leadership and attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

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