

**JEFFREY A. BERMAN**  
**LOS ANGELES, CA 90025**

April 26, 2026

To The Members of the Los Angeles City Budget and Finance Committee  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA, 90012  
[Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org](mailto:Clerk.BudgetandFinanceCommittee@lacity.org)

Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget (Council File: 26-0600)—Proposal of Best Friends and ASPCA

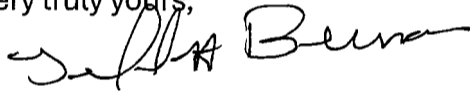
Dear Committee Members:

I write in support of the \$14 million proposal of Best Friends and the ASPCA designed to support LA Animal Services and improve lifesaving outcomes of the cats and dogs confined to City shelters.

My wife and I have lived in Council District No. 5 for more than four decades. During that entire period, we have been the proud "parents" of eight rescued cats, currently Theodore and Maggie. Although the City has taken steps to reduce the number of shelter animals who are euthanized, it has not been as successful as it and the large number of LA citizens who support improvement of lifesaving outcomes might like.

I am familiar with the Best Friends/ASPCA proposal, and believe that it would greatly assist the City in reaching our shared goals.

Very truly yours,



Jeffrey A. Berman

Cc: Katy Yaroslavsky, Council Member, CD 5. [Councilmember.Yaroslavsky@lacity.org](mailto:Councilmember.Yaroslavsky@lacity.org)



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## Second Request: DTLA Safety & Overtime Funding

1 message

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

Sun, Apr 26, 2026 at 1:11 PM

Dear Mayor Bass,

I write on behalf of Diamond Club West Coast, Inc. (DCWC), **representing over 350 members in the DTLA Jewelry District, many of whom are small, family-owned "mom and pop" businesses built over generations by immigrant families who have contributed meaningfully to the economic and cultural fabric of our city.**

**This is our second request for dedicated LAPD overtime funding of \$4.5 million, specifically allocated to DTLA.**

For our members, this is not just a business, but their livelihoods and lifelong investments that support many families and create jobs.

While citywide statistics may suggest improvement, the reality on the ground tells a different story.

Those of us working in DTLA are experiencing an increase in theft, public disturbances, and visible disorder, which are affecting our sense of safety and stability.

**With ongoing LAPD staffing shortages, overtime remains the only immediate and effective way to ensure a consistent and visible police presence, something our community urgently needs.**

We respectfully request that **this funding be specifically designated for Downtown deployment to create a meaningful and lasting impact.**

Attached are additional letters from members of the Jewelry District who share these concerns and strongly support this request.

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

It reflects who we are as a city to the world.

We urge your prompt attention and approval of this request.

Thank you for your consideration and leadership

Thank You !!

**Diamond Club West Coast Inc.**  
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**2 attachments**

 **LAPD OT Request-2.zip**  
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 **Diamond Club West Coast, Inc..pdf**  
146K

Mayor Karen Bass  
200 N Spring St. Los Angeles, CA 90012

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

Dear Mayor Bass,

I write on behalf of Diamond Club West Coast, Inc. (DCWC), a nonprofit organization representing over 350 diverse members in the DTLA Jewelry District. Our members' livelihoods depend on a safe and secure environment for their businesses, employees, customers, and vendors.

**We respectfully urge the approval of dedicated overtime funding, specifically \$4.5 million for the LAPD, allocated exclusively to DTLA.** Attached are letters from members across the Jewelry District supporting this critical request.

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While overtime is not a permanent solution, 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,  
Radhika Malhotra  
Managing Director

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

(Date) 4/24/2026

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Sincerely,

TAL CAPELUTO OWNER





# Emperor Diamonds

INTERNATIONAL JEWELRY CENTER

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LOS ANGELES, CA 90013

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

4/24/26

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Sincerely,  
Neel Mehta  
Emperor Diamonds Inc  
213 489 4598

# Gems International of California

550 S Hill Street Suite 925  
Los Angeles, CA 90013  
213-623-5370  
giocwc@yahoo.com

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200 N Spring St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

April 24, 2026

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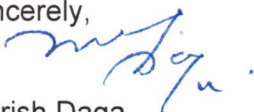
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Harish Daga  
Gems International of California  
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Los Angeles, CA 90013  
213-623-5370

**Gems & Diamonds**  
**550 S Hill St Ste 1369**  
**Los Angeles CA 90013**

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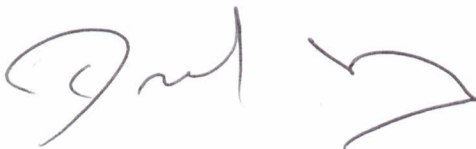
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Thank you for your leadership and attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

David Golbary



Gems West, Inc.  
607 South Hill Street, Suite 422  
Los Angeles, CA 90014

March 22, 2024

Mayor Karen Bass  
200 N Spring St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Vatche Shirikjian, President

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Mayor Karen Bass.

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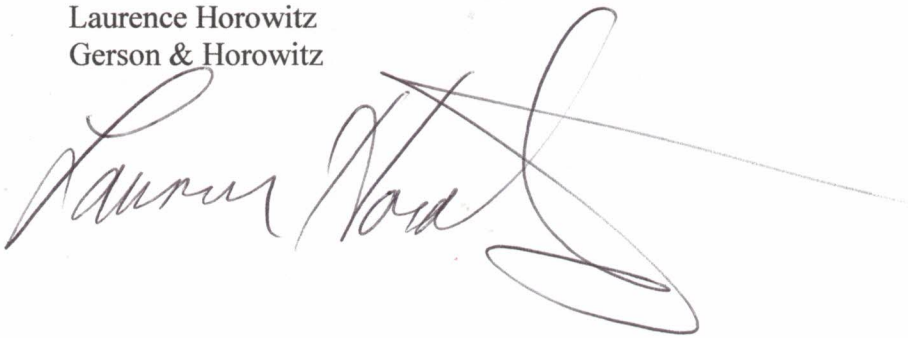
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Sincerely,

Laurence Horowitz  
Gerson & Horowitz

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurence Horowitz', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.



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04/21/2026

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Sincerely,  
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(PRESIDENT)

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# Gold Diamonds Jewelry Design

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

Mayor Karen Bass  
200 N Spring St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

April 23, 2026

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Sincerely,



Mike Ajmo  
Owner of Gold Diamonds Jewelry Design

# Gold Empire Jewelry

607 S. Hill Street, Suite 452, Los Angeles, CA, 90014

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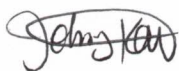
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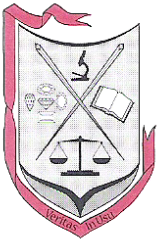
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Sincerely,



Johnny Kalo



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Sincerely,

Charles I. Carmona, President  
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April 24, 2026

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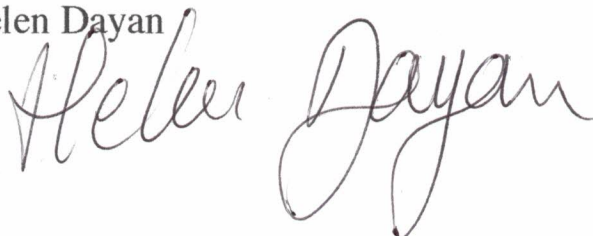
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A safer Downtown benefit everyone—businesses, workers, and visitors alike.

Sincerely,

Helen Dayan

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Sincerely,

Nelson Ikeda  
Ikeda Pearl Company  
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MEMBER





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Sincerely,  
Krina Shah  
Horizon Diamonds, Inc  
213-623-5015



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Sincerely,

Jayesh Kumar Joshi  
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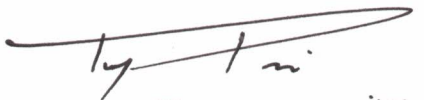
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4.24.2026

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Devang Shah  
Karatrade Inc  
213-488-3395



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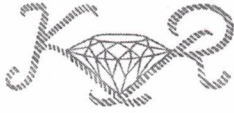
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Mervyn Hahn

Los Angeles Diamond Factory

Lala Bijou  
550 S Hill St suite 1309  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

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Sincerely,

Lauren Ginsburg  
Laser Engraving Express

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# Lastronics Inc.

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

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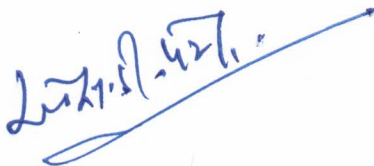
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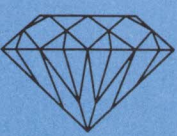
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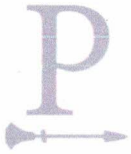
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Owner of Pranam Diamonds

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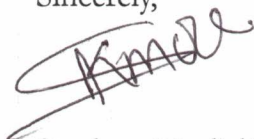
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