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Comments for Public Posting: The City Connect page appears to list this matter as Council District 2, while the motion itself refers to Council District 12, the Devonshire Division, and Councilmember John Lee as the mover. This should be corrected for clarity and transparency. My broader concern is the lack of detail in the motion. The item transfers \$200,000 from the Council District 12 General City Purposes line item to LAPD's Overtime Police Officers account for "additional police outreach services" in Devonshire Division. However, the motion does not explain what those outreach services are, what events or activities are being funded, how many overtime hours are expected, whether this is for future work or reimbursement for work already performed, or what outcomes will be reported back to the public. This may be a legitimate neighborhood need, but \$200,000 is a significant amount of discretionary funding. Devonshire Division already has existing community policing and Senior Lead Officer functions, so the public should be told why additional overtime is necessary and how it differs from regular deployment or existing outreach duties. Without more detail, the public is left to make assumptions, including whether the overtime has already occurred or whether LAPD is unable to manage outreach and deployment within its existing budget. That may not be the case, but the motion does not provide enough information to avoid those questions. I respectfully request that the Council File be corrected to reflect the proper Council District and that LAPD or Council District 12 provide a clear description of the services, dates, purpose, expected hours, and reporting for this \$200,000 overtime allocation. Thank you.