

MOTION

The Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) requires an urgent transfer of funds to address a shortfall in the sworn overtime salary account. The overspending is attributed to various needs including, but not limited to, out-of-City wildfire deployments and pre-position activity (cost recovered), member recalls, and fire prevention safety watch at special events (cost recovered).

Thus far there have been 17 deployments in July and August 2026 through another severe brush season in the Western states. These incidents are reimbursable by CalOES, CalFire and other responsible agencies. The use of recalls is an emergency staffing measure to mitigate resource closures throughout the 106 fire stations. Recalls have been pivotal in filling station posts through current staffing shortages in the Department. Fire safety watch is a critical element for public gatherings and is reimbursed by event organizers. At the rate of current expenditures, the Sworn Overtime account is poised to be depleted as early as the September 2, 2026 payroll date. This is well in advance of the First Financial Status Report which is not expected to reach City Council until early November 2026.

I THEREFORE MOVE that, subject to the approval of the Mayor, the Controller transfer \$20 million from within Fund 100/38, Fire Department, including \$10 million from Account 001012, Salaries Sworn, and \$10 million from Account 1093, Overtime Constant Staffing, to Account 001092, Overtime Sworn to cover a projected deficit in this account.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council authorize and instruct the CAO and Controller to take any necessary actions and make any technical corrections to the above instructions in order to effectuate the intent of this motion.

PRESENTED BY


JOHN S. LEECouncilmember, 12th District

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