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Last year the City of Los Angeles paid just over \$90 million in police overtime, a portion of which can be attributed to court-related overtime. Year after year police overtime cost continues to pose a long-term problem for the City. While LAPD has been committed to and worked towards reducing the City's overtime cost, officers who have worked a full shift cannot simply refuse to respond to a call, testify, or make a court appearance.

Often police officers accrue overtime as a result of court appearances for traffic infractions. Traffic citations that are appealed require the officer's presence to uphold the violation and collect on the citation. Over the years, LAPD has developed several programs, including a web-based officer appearance scheduling system, to help reduce court-related overtime and increase department efficiency. Undoubtedly these systems have helped the department manage the overtime cost, however officers continue to accrue overtime hours for court appearances for traffic citations. A plan to reimburse LAPD court-related overtime cost for traffic infractions could save taxpayers money and improve the city's overall financial standing.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department, Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst be instructed to report back on options to recover LAPD's court-related overtime for traffic infractions.

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