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Honorable Members of the Budget and Finance Committee:  
c/o City Clerk  
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**FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET – BUREAU OF STREET LIGHTING**

**After careful review of the FY 20-21 Proposed Budget for the Bureau of Street Lighting, I have no additional items or significant changes to request.** The proposed budget has provided a continuation of resources to maintain the operation of the City's street lighting system of 220,000.

Bureau of Street Lighting staff has continued to work through the COVID-19 pandemic to repair streetlight systems. This FY 19-20, the City has seen a significant increase of copper wire and power theft, doubling from FY 18-19. The proposed budget's hiring freeze, and furloughs will reduce our services in all areas, including our response to streetlights out. We will do our best to minimize this impact. Due to the current situation we have no changes or requests to the proposed budget, but anticipate re-evaluating this restriction during the FY 20-21 to explore options to maximize efforts to provide essential public safety for the streets of LA.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact me at (213) 847-2090.

Sincerely,

  
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