

Dear Councilmembers,

The Livability Committee of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (DLANC) fully supports the motion to allocate \$100,000 from the AB1290 Fund for a security presence at Spring Street Park. Our committee has been dedicated to this initiative over the past year, following community feedback that highlighted urgent security issues as a top priority.

Residents have been vocal about the steady degradation of Spring Street Park after the lapse in park security in 2023. Daily safety issues at Spring Street Park, including open drug use, lewd behavior, public defecation, abuse of landscaping, and fires, severely impair the park's functionality, appeal, and accessibility in this underserved corner of DTLA. These daily safety challenges undermine the work of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (LA RAP) in their maintenance efforts. As a result, the community is robbed of what could be a welcoming, radiant gathering space at the heart of the Historic Core.

By funding a dedicated security presence, the city can address these safety concerns and reinstate the park's role as a secure and functional public area for visitors, businesses, and residents of DTLA.

We support your swift action on this Motion to address these community concerns.

Sincerely,

Livability Committee

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

- Additional funding for an on-site dedicated drug abuse/mental health professional to assist those requiring support.
- Propose addendum that the security presence be ongoing.