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On March 13, 2009 at approximately 3:25 pm, 15 year-old Carlos Hernandez and 16 year-old Alejandro Garcia were fatally shot while walking on Figueroa Street near Avenue 61, in the Highland Park community of Los Angeles. The Los Angeles Police Department is continuing the investigation into these murders but since no suspect has been identified, a monetary reward may motivate individuals to come forward with information.

The person or persons responsible for this crime represent an ongoing threat to the safety of the people of Los Angeles; therefore it is appropriate for the City of Los Angeles to offer a reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the deaths of Carlos Hernandez and Alejandro Garcia.

I THEREFORE MOVE that by adoption of this Motion, the City Council provide an offer of reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the deaths of Carlos Hernandez and Alejandro Garcia, residents of the City of Los Angeles, on March 13, 2009, and in support thereof, make the following findings pursuant to Division 19, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code:

- 1. That the deaths of Carlos Hernandez and Alejandro Garcia were caused by the willful misconduct of one or more persons.
- 2. That this offer of reward is consistent with and taken for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety of local residents, as well as visitors to the City, and is consistent with the need to arrest and convict the person or persons who, because of not being apprehended, could by their actions further terrorize and present a continuing and immediate menace to the rights of persons in the City.
- 3. That what happened to Carlos Hernandez and Alejandro Garcia, is an especially disturbing crime and therefore, as a matter of public policy, the City hereby offers a reward as an added inducement for persons to come forward with information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the deaths of Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Garcia.
- 4. That the sum of \$75,000 shall be the aggregate maximum sum of any payment or payments of a City reward in this instance.
- 5. That the offer of reward shall be in effect for six months from the date of the advertisement of the reward by the City Clerk.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed to cause notices and/or advertisements to be duly published according to the requirements of Division 19, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, and to thereby cause the offer of reward to become effective.

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Councilmember 1st District

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