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On June 14, 2009, the Los Angeles Lakers became the 2009 NBA Champions after winning the decisive Game 5 on the road in Orlando. While law enforcement was prepared for unruly celebrations in Los Angeles, a few incidents occurred that were both destructive and illegal. Small fires were lit in the streets near Staples Center. Other individuals looted nearby businesses by committing burglary and vandalism. The City cannot condone this behavior. The Lakers have inspired joy and positivity across the entire City, and these events were the only damper on such a momentous occasion. Video surveillance evidence has given authorities a start in identifying suspects, but a reward offer may motivate more individuals to come forward to assist in apprehending the looters.

The person or persons responsible for these crimes 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 looting and rioting activity near Staples Center on June 14, 2009.

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 looting and rioting activity near Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles, on June 14, 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 looting and rioting activity was 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 the looting and rioting that occurred are especially disturbing crimes 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 persons responsible for the looting and rioting activity.
4. That a reward of up to \$10,000 shall be awarded for the apprehension and conviction of any individual involved in crimes relating to the looting and rioting activity.
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.

PRESENTED BY:

JAN PERRY  
Councilmember, 9<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:

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