

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR AND MEMBER, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE, relative to payment of a reward offer in the amount of \$75,000 to a claimant for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual responsible for the murders of John Lee and Oletta Williams.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. APPROVE the Special Reward Payment of \$75,000 to a claimant who provided information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual responsible for the murders of John Lee and Oletta Williams.
2. INSTRUCT the Controller to transfer \$75,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Unappropriated Balance and APPROPRIATE therefrom to the Special Reward Trust Fund No. 436/14.
3. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to transfer \$75,000 from the Special Reward Trust Fund No. 436/14, Account No. XXXXXX to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Fund No. 100/70, Secret Service Account No. 004310.
4. INSTRUCT the LAPD to make the appropriate reward payments.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the LAPD. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

#### SUMMARY

At the meeting held on March 1, 2016, your Public Safety Committee considered a Board of Police Commissioners (Board) transmittal relative to payment of a reward offer in the amount of \$37,500 to a claimant for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual responsible for the murders of John Lee and Oletta Williams. In a report to the Board dated January 19, 2016, the LAPD stated that the claimant asserted that he is entitled to the entire \$75,000 reward based on his actions in this case. However, the LAPD went on to state that their investigation did not support that assertion, and that the Devonshire Detectives' recommendation for the disbursement of \$17,500 to the claimant was appropriate. In the Board's report to Council dated February 9, 2016, the Board stated that at the Board meeting of February 9, 2016, the Board approved the Department's report relative to the payment of the reward offer with a modification to the recommendation to increase the reward amount to \$37,500.00. The Committee considered the information contained in the Board's transmittal. An opportunity for public comment was held. After further discussion of the matter, the Committee moved to recommend that the entire \$75,000 reward be disbursed to the claimant.

This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

COUNCILMEMBER MITCHELL ENGLANDER, CHAIR, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

COUNCILMEMBER MITCH O'FARRELL, MEMBER, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Mitch O'Farrell", is written over the printed name of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell.

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT
BONIN:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL:	YES
MARTINEZ:	ABSENT

ME

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