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MOTION

TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

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During 2012 there has been a sharp increase in the number of thefts of copper wire in Council District 4. These thefts have been from City-owned street lights and have created public safety issues for drivers, pedestrians, and local residents. The Bureau of Street Lighting reports that currently there are 27 open cases of copper wire theft in Council District 4, which is 35% of the citywide total. The Bureau of Street Lighting is working with the Los Angeles Police Department to ensure that the impacted neighborhoods remain safe and that residents can be aware of suspicious activity. In addition to these efforts, a reward offer may assist investigators in finding the person(s) responsible for this wave of thefts.


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 copper wire thefts in Council District 4.

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 series of copper wire thefts from City-owned property in Council District 4, occurring from January 1, 2012 through December 14, 2012, 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 thefts 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 threaten to the rights of persons and property in the City.
3. That the series of thefts is especially hazardous and, 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 thefts.
4. That the sum of \$25,000 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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PRESENTED BY 
TOM LABONGE
Councilmember, 4th District

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