

COMMUNICATION FROM VICE-CHAIR, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to payments of a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the three defendants responsible for the shooting death of Mr. Fernando Hernandez.

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

1. APPROVE payments to two claimants of a reward offer in the total amount of \$50,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the three defendants responsible for the shooting death of Mr. Fernando Hernandez on January 28, 2012.
2. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to:
 - a. Transfer \$50,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Unappropriated Balance and APPROPRIATE therefrom to the Special Reward Trust Fund No. 436/14.
 - b. Transfer \$50,000 from the Special Reward Trust Fund No. 436/14, Account No. XXXXXX to the Police Department Fund No. 100/70, Secret Service Account No. 004310.
3. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Police Department (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

In a report to the Board of Police Commissioners dated April 10, 2015, LAPD recommends payments of a reward offer in the total amount of \$50,000 to witnesses for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the three defendants responsible for the shooting death of Mr. Hernandez. On January 28, 2012, Mr. Hernandez was in the area of 1000 South Hill Street when he became involved in a physical altercation with three suspects. One of the suspects armed himself with a semiautomatic handgun and fired numerous rounds, killing Mr. Hernandez and wounding three others involved in the altercation.

LAPD reports that as a result of the reward offer, two individuals came forward and provided crucial information and eyewitness accounts of this crime. Claimant A provided the information which directly led investigating detectives to the identities and locations of all suspects involved. Claimant B provided a cellular phone video of the shooting, testified at the preliminary hearing and the subsequent jury trial.

It is the opinion of the investigating detectives and the Deputy District Attorney assigned to this case, that the information provided by the claimants was vital in the arrest and conviction of the suspects. On April 28, 2015, the Board of Police Commissioners approved LAPD's recommendation.

At the Public Safety Committee meeting held May 22, 2015, the Committee Vice-Chair recommended that Council approve the reward payments, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



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

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