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Police detectives are investigating a series of eight robberies in the City of Los Angeles, three of which were in Council District 13. The suspect targets Filipino financial businesses, enters the locations disguised as a female by wearing a wig, simulates or points a handgun, demands cash and jewelry, and then flees. The suspect is also responsible for robberies in West Covina, Rancho Cucamonga, Glendale, and Chula Vista. The robberies have occurred each month since December 2012. He has been seen in San Jose and Union City, possibly casing these locations. He is believed to be carrying a handgun, and in one case he used a taser on a victim. To date, no matches have resulted from fingerprint and DNA samples from the incidents. Detectives believe that a reward may motivate witnesses to come forward with more 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 series of robberies.

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 roberies in Los Angeles, 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 robberies 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 the victims 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 robberies.
- 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.

PRESENTED BY

ERIC GARCETTI Councilmember, 13th District

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