

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to establishing a reward program for reporting hit-and-run crimes.

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

1. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE dated March 27, 2015, relative to adding Article 2.3 to Chapter 12 of Division 19 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to establish a Hit-and-Run Reward Program.
2. RECEIVE and FILE the ordinance dated March 6, 2015, rendered moot by the adoption of the above Ordinance.
3. DIRECT the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to report to Council with recommendations for a comprehensive public outreach program.

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

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For: West Los Angeles Neighborhood Council
Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council

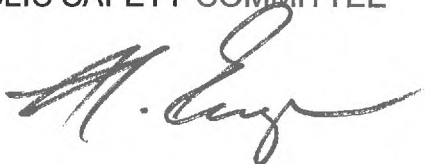
SUMMARY

At its meeting held March 27, 2015, the Public Safety Committee discussed this matter with representatives of the LAPD and the City Attorney. At that time, the City Attorney's representative submitted revised Ordinance dated March 27, 2015. Ordinance establishes a tiered reward program for the reporting of hit-and-run-crimes.

Committee members expressed strong support for the accompanying Ordinance. Over 20,000 hit-and-run crimes occurred in Los Angeles in 2014. It was stated that the proposed reward program will deter drivers from leaving the scene of accidents and encourage witnesses to report hit-and-run crimes. Committee members recommended that Council approve the City Attorney's revised Ordinance dated March 27, 2015, and receive and file ordinance dated March 6, 2015. Committee went on to recommend that Council direct LAPD to report with recommendations for a comprehensive public outreach program including the use of social media and electronic billboard and freeway signs, and methods for providing notice of the new reward program to taxi drivers, operators of City service vehicles, and auto body repair shops.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. A. ...', is written over the 'ABSENT' entry for O'Farrell.

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