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On July 28, 2014 at approximately 6:40am, 54-year-old Javier Hernandez and two other people were struck by a vehicle while waiting at a bus stop at the northeast corner of Beverly Boulevard and Normandie Avenue in Koreatown. The driver of the vehicle, who had run a red light and struck two vehicles before hitting the pedestrians at the bus stop, then fled the scene on foot without identifying himself or rendering aid. Mr. Hernandez was pronounced dead at the scene, and the other two victims were critically injured and taken to the hospital. Detectives believe a reward motion may compel members of the public to provide information on the whereabouts of the suspect in this crime.

The person responsible for this crime represents 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 responsible for the hit-and-run collision that killed Javier Hernandez and critically injured two others.

I FURTHER 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 responsible for the hit-and-run collision that killed Javier Hernandez on July 28, 2014, 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 death of Mr. Hernandez was 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 victim 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 responsible for the hit-and-run collision that killed Javier Hernandez.
- 4. That the sum of \$50,000 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:

MITCH O'FARRELL

Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY:

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