

14-0010-528

MOTION

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

#51

On September 14, 2014, 57-year-old Gloria Ortiz was struck and killed by a car as she was walking in a marked crosswalk across Avenue 50 at San Marco Place in Highland Park. The car, described as an older model Honda Civic possibly being driven by a Hispanic male, never applied its brakes. The driver then fled southbound on Avenue 50 without stopping to identify themselves or render aid. Witnesses to the crime stated that the driver may have been distracted by a cell phone. Detectives are continuing to investigate this crime, and believe a reward may compel members of the public to provide information on the identity 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 Gloria Ortiz.

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 responsible for the hit-and-run collision that killed Gloria Ortiz on September 14, 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 Ms. Ortiz 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 Gloria Ortiz.
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:

Gilbert Cedillo

GILBERT A. CEDILLO
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY:

[Signature]

ORIGINAL

jwd

[Signature]
OCT 15 2014