

MOTION

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

#58

On December 22, 2014 at approximately 6:30 p.m., 62-year-old Maria Elena Rivas was walking home from the Ralph's grocery store located at 2600 South Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles, where she had stopped to purchase groceries for the upcoming holiday. As she was walking west on Adams Boulevard near Catalina Avenue, a few blocks from the Ralph's, she was attacked and robbed of her purse. During this attack, she was fatally stabbed by her assailant or assailants. Detectives are continuing to investigate this case, and hope that a monetary reward compels members of the public to provide information on this crime.

The person(s) 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(s) responsible for the death of Maria Elena Rivas.

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(s) responsible for the death of Maria Elena Rivas on December 22, 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. Rivas 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(s) responsible for the death of Maria Elena Rivas.
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.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed to publish the reward notice in the "Our Weekly" and "LA Watts Times," in addition to the regular publications used by the City Clerk for reward notices, to ensure adequate community notice.

PRESENTED BY: 

BERNARD C. PARKS
Councilmember, 8th District

SECONDED BY: 

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