MOTION PERSONNEL & ANIMAL WELFARE

According to an eye-witness account which was reported by the Los Angeles Times, a small dog jumped out of a Dodge Caravan in the 1600 block of East First Street on May 14, 2016, at 1:30pm, was chased by the driver who, when he caught the dog, proceeded to punch the dog and fling it onto the sidewalk until the dog died. The driver, described as a 6 foot 2 inches, 280 pound balding, gray-haired man between 50 and 60 years old, got back in the Dodge Caravan and drove away, leaving the dog behind.

The person responsible for this heinous crime of killing this canine 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.

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 killing of this small dog on May 14, 2016, 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 this dog was caused by 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 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 this dog 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.
- 4. That the sum of \$10,000 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: PAUL KORETZ Councilmember, 5th District 2016 SECONDED BY: 11