

MOTION

TO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON NEXT  
REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED #51

On December 7, 2016 at approximately 7:35 pm, 25-year-old Victor Duenas, Jr. was standing on the front porch of his residence in El Sereno when an unknown individual on the street opened fire on him. Mr. Duenas tried to flee into his house, but was fatally shot in the back as he made it into his living room. Detectives are continuing to investigate this crime, but have not been able to identify a suspect or suspects at this time. Detectives believe that a reward may compel members of the public to provide information on the identity of the person responsible for this crime.

The person or persons 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 responsible for the shooting of 25-year-old Victor Duenas, Jr.

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 or persons responsible for the shooting of Victor Duenas, Jr. on December 7, 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 Mr. Duenas 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 or persons responsible for the shooting of Victor Duenas, Jr.
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:   
JOSE HUIZAR  
Councilmember, 14<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: 

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