

MOTION

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On July 21, 2016 at approximately 10:35p.m., 28-year-old Hugo Castillo was hanging out with friends in the north end of Echo Park, near the restrooms, when an individual approached him and punched him for no apparent reason. Mr. Castillo then pushed the unknown individual back, but the unknown individual produced a sharp object and stabbed Mr. Castillo. The suspect then fled northbound on Lemoyne Street towards Sunset Boulevard. Mr. Castillo was transported to LAC/USC Medical Center, where he succumbed to his wounds. Detectives state that no witnesses have come forward besides Mr. Castillo's friends, and that they are continuing to investigate this crime. 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 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 stabbing death of Hugo Castillo.

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 death of Hugo Castillo on July 21, 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 Hugo Castillo 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 death of Hugo Castillo.
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: 

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SECONDED BY: 

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