

MOTION

REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

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On January 31, 2017 at approximately 11:43 p.m., the bodies of 24-year-old Fidel Campos and 43-year-old Ricardo Mendoza were discovered in an alley behind 922 West 74th Street in the Vermont Knolls neighborhood of Los Angeles. Both victims had been shot to death by an unknown person or persons. Detectives are continuing to investigate this crime, but have not been able to identify a suspect. Detectives believe that a reward may compel members of the public to provide information on the identity of the person or persons responsible for this crime.

The person or persons 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 or persons responsible for the deaths of Fidel Campos and Ricardo Mendoza.

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 deaths of Fidel Campos and Ricardo Mendoza on January 31, 2017, 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 deaths of Mr. Campos and Mr. Mendoza were 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 victims 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 deaths of Fidel Campos and Ricardo Mendoza.
4. That the sum of \$75,000 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.

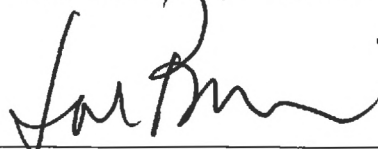
I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed to cause notices and/or advertisements to be duly published according to the requirements of Division 19, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, and to thereby cause the offer of reward to become effective.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed to publish the reward notice in the "Our Weekly," "Los Angeles Sentinel" 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:


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SECONDED BY:



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