MOTIONTO CITY CLERK FOR PLACEMENT ON MEXT

Beginning on January 9, 2019 an individual dubbed the "Cheapskate Bandit" has committed seven armed robberies at a number of businesses in the City of Los Angeles, including a Carl's Jr. Restaurant in Baldwin Hills that he has robbed three times. This individual, described as a black male in his 30s or 40s, standing approximately 6'0" and weighing about 180 lbs., usually enters a business he is targeting, points a handgun at employees and demands money from the cash register before demanding an employee open any safe on site and taking the money inside. He then flees the location in an unknown direction. Detectives are continuing to investigate these crimes, and believe that a reward may compel members of the public to provide information on the identity of the person responsible for these crimes.

The person responsible for these crimes 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 a series of armed robberies across the City of Los Angeles beginning on January 9, 2019.

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 a series of armed robberies across the City of Los Angeles beginning on January 9, 2019, and in support thereof, make the following findings pursuant to Division 19, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code:

- 1. That this series of armed robberies 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 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 this series of armed robberies.
- 4. That the sum of \$25,000 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.

JUN 1 4 2019

PRESENTED BY:

HERB J. WESSON, JR.

Councilmember, 10th District

SECONDED BY:

Page 19

jwd - 1