

MOTION

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

#5:

Since late 2018, an unknown individual has been targeting male-Latinos outside of check cashing places and banks, mainly in the Van Nuys corridor of the City of Los Angeles, for robberies. The suspect, described as a Latino male in his mid-30s driving a pickup truck, asks his victims for help moving a couch and offers them \$50 for their assistance. Once the suspect drives his target back to their house, he pulls out some cash and asks the victim for change. When the victim produces their wallet, the suspect robs them and drives away. These crimes started in late 2018, with most recent occurrences in August and September of 2019. 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 robberies.

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 robberies in the Van Nuys corridor of the City of Los Angeles beginning in late 2018.

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 robberies beginning in late 2018, 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 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 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 this series of robberies.
4. That the sum of \$15,000 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.

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