Beginning November 22, 2019, an unknown individual has robbed a number of banks in the City of Los Angeles. To date, the suspect has robbed six banks, five of which are in the City. The robberies began with one robbery occurring on November 22nd, one on December 4th, three on December 16th, including one of which occurred in West Hollywood, and one on December 31st. 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 bank robberies across the City of Los Angeles beginning on November 22, 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 bank robberies across the City of Los Angeles beginning on November 22, 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 bank 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 bank 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.

PRESENTED BY:  
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SECONDED BY:  
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