

COMMUNICATION

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

File No. 11-0010-S41

**FROM: COUNCILMEMBER MITCHELL ENGLANDER, CHAIR
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to the payment of a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the shooting death of Mr. Juan David Vasquez Lorna on August 7, 2011.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. APPROVE payments to two claimants of a reward offer in the total amount of \$50,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the shooting death of Mr. Juan David Vasquez Lorna on August 7, 2011.
2. INSTRUCT the City Clerk to:
 - a. Transfer \$50,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Unappropriated Balance and APPROPRIATE therefrom to the Special Reward Trust Fund No. 436/14.
 - b. Transfer \$50,000 from the Special Reward Trust Fund No. 436/14, Account No. XXXXXX to the Police Department Fund No. 100/70, Secret Service Account No. 004310.
3. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to make the appropriate reward payments.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by LAPD. Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

In a report to the Board of Police Commissioners dated February 20, 2013 (attached to the Council file), LAPD recommends payments of a reward offer to two claimants for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the shooting death of Mr. Juan David Vasquez Lorna. The Department reports that on August 7, 2011, Mr. Vasquez Lorna was driving friends home from work when they were confronted by another vehicle in a possible road rage incident. Gunfire from the vehicle resulted in Mr. Vasquez Lorna being shot in the head. He died two days later.

According to LAPD, the assailants were described as a male and a female. With the assistance of the two surviving victims, a composite drawing was prepared in this case. As a result of the composite drawing being released at a press conference, suspect Jose Beltran was identified as the assailant and the person responsible for the victim's death. On September 27, 2012, with the assistance of both surviving victims, defendant Jose Beltran was convicted of the murder of Mr. Vasquez Lorna and the attempted murder of two other victims. LAPD and the Los Angeles District Attorney believe that the testimony and identification provided by the witnesses were crucial in the

arrest and conviction of Jose Beltran. On February 26, 2013, the Board of Police Commissioners approved LAPD's recommendation.

At the special Public Safety Committee meeting held March 27, 2013, the Committee Chair recommended that Council approve the payment of the reward offers to two claimants for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the shooting death of Mr. Vasquez Lorna, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

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MITCHELL ENGLANDER, CHAIR
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
PERRY:	ABSENT
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT
KREKORIAN:	ABSENT
ZINE:	ABSENT

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