

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the payment of reward offers for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the defendant in the shooting death of one-year old Angel Cortez.

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 suspect responsible for the shooting death of one-year old Angel Cortez and the attempted murder of Mr. Mauro Cortez on June 4, 2012.
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 the LAPD. Neither the City Administrative Officer 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 October 25, 2013 (attached to the Council file), the LAPD recommends payment of a reward offer to two claimants for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the defendant in the shooting death of one-year old Angel Cortez. On June 4, 2012, victims Mauro and Angel Cortez were standing in front of 10526 South Hickory Street. Mauro Cortez was holding his one-year old child Angel Cortez in his arms. The defendant rode up on a bicycle and shot through Angel in an attempt to kill Mauro Cortez. Angel was transported to a local area hospital where he succumbed to his wounds and died. Mauro survived. According to the LAPD, the claimants identified the assailant, and testified in court during the defendant's trial at which he was convicted on all counts and sentenced to a prison term of 90 years to life. On October 29, 2013, the Board of Police Commissioners approved LAPD's recommendation to make a reward offer in the total amount of \$50,000 to the two claimants.

At its meeting held December 13, 2013, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council approve the reward payments, as recommended by the Board of Police Commissioners.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
ENGLANDER:	YES
BUSCAINO:	ABSENT
BONIN:	ABSENT
O'FARRELL	YES
MARTINEZ:	YES

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