

MOTION

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

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On January 10, 2015, at 7:00 a.m., Jose Andres Escobar and William Barrera were walking on the center median of Crenshaw Boulevard just north of West 59<sup>th</sup> Street when an unknown suspect fired multiple gun shots at both victims with an unknown type of handgun. The suspect fled the crime scene southbound on Crenshaw Boulevard then westbound on 59<sup>th</sup> Street to an unknown location. Mr. Escobar was struck several times by gunfire. He was transported to a local hospital, where he died from his injuries. Mr. Barrera was not struck by gunfire. Detectives are continuing to investigate the murder of Mr. Escobar and the attempted murder of Mr. Barrera, and hope that a monetary reward compels members of the public to provide more information.

The person responsible for this crime 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 the murder of Jose Andres Escobar and the attempted murder of William Barrera.

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 the murder of Jose Andres Escobar and the attempted murder of William Barrera on January 10, 2015, and in support thereof, make the following findings pursuant to Division 19, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code:

1. That the murder of Mr. Escobar and the attempted murder of Mr. Barrera were 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 or persons responsible for the murder of Jose Andres Escobar and the attempted murder of William Barrera.
4. That the sum of \$75,000 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.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed to publish the reward notice in the "Our Weekly" and "LA Watts Times," in addition to the regular publications used by the City Clerk for reward notices, to ensure adequate community notice.



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