

Motion

On January 8, 2022, 16-year-old Tioni Theus was found dead after drivers reported seeing her body along the southbound 110 Freeway in South Los Angeles. According to the County Coroner's Office, she had been shot in the neck. There was no apparent motivation. The suspect has not yet been identified and presents a significant peril to the community at large.

The person or persons responsible for this crime represent 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 or persons responsible for the death of Tioni Theus.

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 or persons responsible for the death of Tioni Theus around January 8, 2022, 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 assault was caused by the willful misconduct of one or more persons.

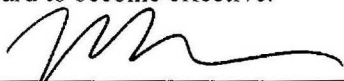
2. That this offer of reward is consistent with and taken for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety of local residents, as well as visitors to the City, and is consistent with the need to arrest and convict the person who, because of not being apprehended, could by their actions further terrorize and present a continuing and immediate menace to the rights of persons in the City.


3. That what happened to the victim 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 death of Tioni Theus.

4. That the sum of \$50,000 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: 
MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilmember, 8th District


CURREN D. PRICE, JR.
Councilmember, 9th District

SECONDED BY: 
MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District

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