

MOTION

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


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On April 16, 2022, at 2:57 AM Christopher Martin and his friends were at the parking lot of the Pink Taco restaurant (8225 Sunset Blvd) when two suspects, wearing face masks and hoodies, approached the group and demanded their property. One suspect grabbed the victim Jermar Jefferson's neck jewelry attempting to snatch it from his neck. Martin attempted to intervene and was shot once in the head by another suspect. The suspects fled the location without any of the victim's property. Victim Martin was admitted to the Cedar Sinai Medical Center with serious head trauma and was not expected to survive. A reward offer may induce members of the public to provide information on the identity of the person responsible for this crime and 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 brutal assault on Christopher Martin.

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 brutal assault on Christopher Martin on April 16, 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 the assault on Mr. Martin 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 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 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 assault on Christopher Martin.
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: 
HUGO SOTO-MARTÍNEZ
Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY: 

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