

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the payment of a reward offer for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the defendant in the shooting death of Mr. Chris Taylor.

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

1. APPROVE payment to the claimant of a reward offer in the amount of \$50,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect responsible for the shooting death of Mr. Chris Taylor on June 13, 2008.
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 payment.

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 November 1, 2013 (attached to the Council file), the LAPD recommends payment of a reward offer to a claimant for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the defendant in the shooting death of Mr. Chris Taylor. On June 13, 2008, Christopher Taylor was standing in front of his residence talking with a friend when a carload of gang members drove by, shooting and killing him. Taylor's friend was also wounded by errant gunfire. Mr. Taylor had recently moved to Los Angeles from Ohio to live with his mother to attend classes at UCLA. Neither Taylor nor his friend was a gang member and the incident was unprovoked. In February 2010, a witness came forward to provide information relative to this murder, indentifying the assailant. Despite receiving death threats, the witness testified in court against the defendant. The defendant was found guilty of all charges filed against him. On November 19, 2013, the Board of Police Commissioners approved LAPD's recommendation to make a reward offer payment in the amount of \$50,000 to the claimant.

At its meeting held December 13, 2013, the Public Safety Committee recommended that Council approve the reward payment, 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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