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MOTION

SPECIAL *Rule 23* *EG*

On October 1, 2008, a botched take-over robbery occurred at a marijuana clinic in the Wilshire Area. Noe Gonzalez, a security guard, had intervened and was shot to death execution style - on his knees and shot in the head. The four suspects, gang members, were identified and two have been arrested. All four have been charged with the murder, and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office has recommended the death penalty. Despite utilizing all conventional resources to aid in the search of the two outstanding suspects, detectives have not received any promising leads. Detectives hope that a reward will motivate witnesses to come forward with more information.

The persons responsible for this crime are considered armed and dangerous, representing 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 apprehension and conviction of the persons responsible for the death of Noe Gonzalez.

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 Noe Gonzalez, a resident of the City of Los Angeles, on October 1, 2008, an in support thereof, make the following findings pursuant to Division 19, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code:

1. That the death of Noe Gonzalez was caused by willful misconduct of one or more persons.
2. That is reward is consistent with and taken for the immediate protections 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 Noe Gonzalez, 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 Noe Gonzalez.
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 causes 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.

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