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On Wednesday November 27, 2013 at approximately 10:55 a.m., LAPD officers responded to a shooting at 4400 West Avenue 42 in Eagle Rock. One victim, James Marcus Howe, was fatally wounded at the scene and a second victim was transported to a local hospital for medical treatment. The victims were in their residence when the first of two suspects knocked on their door posing as a solicitor. As the victims approached the door, the two suspects forced entry and a struggle ensued between the victims and the suspects. The second suspect produced a handgun and shot both victims. A third suspect drove them away from the scene. Detectives are seeking the public's help in solving this case, and a reward may motivate witnesses to come forward with more information.

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 shooting at 4400 West Avenue 42 on November 27, 2013.

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 for the shooting at 4400 West Avenue 42 on November 27, 2013, 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 shooting that led to the murder of James Marcus Howe and hospitalization of another victim 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 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.
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.



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PRESENTED BY 
JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember, 14th District

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