

MOTION

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

#52

On June 21, 2015 at approximately 2:23 am, 21-year-old Almicar Ponce and a friend were standing on the sidewalk in front of 4238 South Wall Street in Los Angeles, when two vehicles approached them from the direction of 43rd street. As the vehicles approached, individuals in those vehicle fired numerous shots towards Mr. Ponce and his friend, and then fled north on Wall Street. Mr. Ponce was struck in the head, while his friend was able to dive to cover and remained unscathed. Fire Department Paramedics transported Mr. Ponce to the hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries on June 26. Detectives are continuing to investigate this crime, but have not yet been able to identify the suspects. Detectives believe a reward may compel members of the public to provide information on the identity of the persons responsible for this crime.

The 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 persons responsible for the shooting of Almicar Ponce on June 21, 2015.

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 persons responsible for the shooting of Almicar Ponce on June 21, 2015, 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 death of Mr. Ponce 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 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 persons responsible for the shooting death of Almicar Ponce.
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: _____

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

SECONDED BY: _____


AUG 5 2015

ORIGINAL