



LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMAN GREIG SMITH

Improving ATM Security

I introduced legislation on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009 that will require all ATMs in Los Angeles to install a duress code system that allows customers via a PIN code to alert law enforcement.

This summer a tragic robbery/homicide at an ATM machine in Mid-Wilshire highlighted the need for increased ATM security.

Requiring banks to install a PIN duress system would ensure that ATM users could safely and covertly alert law enforcement and prevent additional crimes.

Since we all depend on convenience of ATM machines, I am glad to report that several members from the banking industry have expressed support for this much needed concept.

I will keep you informed of future developments as the motion moves through the committee process.

