

## MOTION

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On Tuesday October 23, 2007 at about 4:15 pm, 71-year old rug merchant, Ebrahim Torbati, died after he was fatally shot in the neck during an afternoon robbery in the Fashion District, downtown. The robber was described by witnesses as an African-american man, under 5'5, thin, and between 20 to 25 years old. The robber escaped running north from the store, then east to 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Maple Street, where he got into a white Toyota Camry with two African-american women.

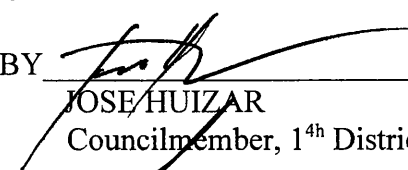
The person or persons responsible for this crime represent an ongoing threat to the safety of the people of Los Angeles; therefore it is appropriate for the City of Los Angeles to offer a reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the death of Ebrahim Torbati.

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 Ebrahim Torbati, a resident of the City of Los Angeles, on October 23, 2007, and in support thereof, make the following findings pursuant to Division 19, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code:

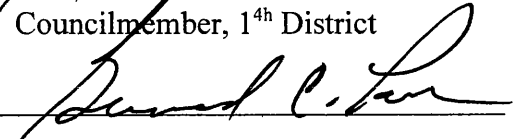
1. That the death of Ebrahim Torbati was caused by the willful misconduct of one or more persons.
2. That this offer of reward is consistent with and taken for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety of local residents, as well as visitors to the City, and is consistent with the 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 Ebrahim Torbati, 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 Ebrahim Torbati.
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.

PRESENTED BY

  
 JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember, 1<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY



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