

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, protecting the safety of the public and the members of law enforcement who carry out that duty on a daily basis is of utmost importance to the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 1975, two Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) officers, John Hall and James Bryan, were nearly killed by a pipe bomb placed underneath their patrol car that was designed to detonate upon movement of the car; and

WHEREAS, on that same day, another pipe bomb of the same type was discovered under a second LAPD patrol car only one mile away from the location of the first incident; and

WHEREAS, had these pipe bombs exploded, their payload of more than 100 concrete nails would have likely injured or killed LAPD officers and innocent bystanders; and

WHEREAS, in February, 1976, a grand jury indicted Sara Jane Olson, then known as Kathleen Ann Soliah, on charges related to the bombings; and

WHEREAS, Sara Jane Olson was a fugitive from justice for 23 years until she was apprehended in 1999; and

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2001, Sara Jane Olson pled guilty to two counts of possessing explosives with intent to murder, was later further convicted of the murder of Myrna Opsahl, and was sentenced to prison at the Central California Women's Correctional Facility; and

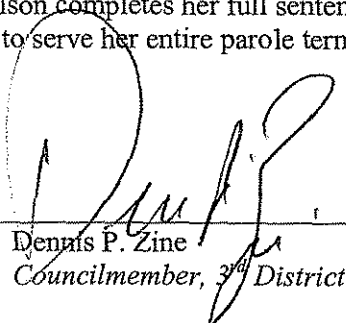
WHEREAS, on March 17, 2008, Sara Jane Olson was released from prison one year early as a result of a miscalculation of her sentence by the parole board, and was taken back into custody 4 days later to complete her sentence; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation not only freed Sara Jane Olson one year early but also arranged for her to serve her parole time in Minnesota, the same state in which she chose to make her home as a fugitive; and

WHEREAS, Sara Jane Olson committed her crimes in California and should serve her sentence in California and remain in the State for the full term of any parole she may be granted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles City Council calls on Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to ensure that Sara Jane Olson completes her full sentence in California, and that, if granted parole, Ms. Olson be required to serve her entire parole term in California.

PRESENTED BY:


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