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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, in April 1975, James William Kilgore and other members of the Symbionese Liberation Army robbed a bank in Carmichael, California; and

WHEREAS, during the Carmichael bank robbery, 42-year old nurse Mrna Opsahl was killed; and

WHEREAS, in August 1975, James William Kilgore participated in the attempted murder of Los Angeles Police Department officers by planting pipe bombs underneath two Los Angeles Police cars; and

WHEREAS, after committing these crimes, Mr. Kilgore fled from justice and lived in South Africa for nearly 28 years under an assumed identity before finally being extradited to the United States; and

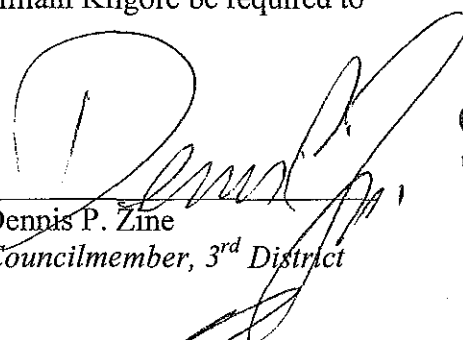
WHEREAS, once he was brought to trial in the United States, Mr. Kilgore was convicted of the second-degree murder of Ms. Opsahl and was sentenced to six years in prison; and

WHEREAS, the High Desert State Prison Parole Board is currently considering releasing Mr. Kilgore on parole and allowing him to serve parole in Illinois; and

WHEREAS, James William Kilgore committed his crimes in California and should serve his sentence in California and remain in the State for the full term of any parole he may be granted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles City Council calls on the members of the High Desert State Prison Parole Board and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to ensure that, if granted parole, James William Kilgore be required to serve his entire parole term in California.

PRESENTED BY:

  
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