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## **ZINE, WEISS ANNOUNCE REWARD OFFERED IN VALLEY HATE CRIMES TOTALING \$95,000 AND RELEASE SURVEILLANCE VIDEO**

(Los Angeles) – Today, Councilmembers Dennis P. Zine and Jack Weiss, joined by the Jewish Federation, the Anti-Defamation League, the House of Worship Task Force, and the law enforcement community, released video surveillance footage of a recent hate crime and announced that the FBI has supplemented the City Council’s reward for information on the crime with an additional \$20,000 and the ATF has added another \$25,000, totaling \$95,000.

On Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the City Council immediately adopted a \$50,000 reward motion presented by Councilman Zine and seconded by Councilman Jack Weiss for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person or persons responsible for a series of hate crimes committed in West Hills on February 18, 2008.

On President’s Day, the first attack occurred around 2 a.m. when two incendiary devices were lobbed at the Jewish Federation Valley Alliance, located in the 22600 block of Vanowen Street. The second incident followed approximately 30 minutes later, when a West Hills residence was attacked by a Molotov cocktail, causing damage to the front door of the home. The two events are believed to be related and are being investigated as hate crimes.

Last month, Councilman Zine introduced another reward motion for an anti-Semitic graffiti attack in Tarzana which offers \$50,000 for the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the individual or individuals involved.

“We are taking these attacks very seriously,” said Councilman Dennis P. Zine, member of the Public Safety Committee. “We are doing everything possible to catch these urban terrorists. The reward that we are offering sends a clear message that hatemongering will not be tolerated in the City of Los Angeles.”

“Someone knows who committed these crimes, and the \$70,000 reward gives them a good reason to do the right thing and come forward,” said Councilmember Weiss. “Together with the City’s Jewish institutions, federal and local officers are diligently working to prevent hate crime and punish perpetrators.”

The reward motion will be effective for six months from the date of the advertisement of the reward by the City Clerk.

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