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***Councilman Zine Convenes  
Los Angeles Regional Paparazzi Task Force***

(Los Angeles) – Councilman Dennis P. Zine will convene key stakeholders in the Metro Los Angeles area to generate proposals to place stricter regulations on so-called paparazzi. The conduct of paparazzi in Los Angeles and the surrounding communities has not only endangered celebrities, but also the general public. Councilman Zine has already introduced a motion to the Los Angeles City Council that seeks to curtail the reckless and irresponsible behavior of the paparazzi and has now created an additional forum to tackle the problem.

As it currently stands, the legislation is pending a public hearing in the Public Safety Committee. In the meantime, Councilman Zine has assembled a regional task force including policymakers, public safety officials, paparazzi targets, legal experts, and media experts to determine what can be done to keep the celebrities and innocent bystanders out of harm's way. Councilman Zine will use the ideas generated by the task force as the motion moves forward through the legislative process.

“Paparazzi are becoming increasingly relentless in their tactics, posing a danger not only to the people they are trying to photograph, but to the general public around them,” said Councilman Dennis P. Zine, member of the Public Safety Committee, former LAPD Sergeant, and current LAPD Reserve Officer. “Current laws are not strict enough; the penalties are not harsh enough to actually deter paparazzi. This task force opens up the discussion between key stakeholders to develop ways to combat overly-aggressive paparazzi in the interest of protecting public safety.”

This meeting will be held in the Council Chambers of Los Angeles City Hall on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 at 10am.

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