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**COUNCILMEMBER ENGLANDER INTRODUCES MOTION OFFERING \$15,000 REWARD FOR INFORMATION ON “THELMA & LOUISE BANDITS”**

Councilmember Mitchell Englander introduced a motion today offering a monetary reward of \$15,000 for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the persons responsible for a series of bank robberies committed over the past two months.

"Today the City of Los Angeles is sending a message that we won't ignore criminals who threaten the safety of residents and businesses in Los Angeles," Councilmember Englander said. "We're putting these criminals on notice that there is no safe hiding place and that we won't stop until justice is served."

Known to law enforcement as the "Thelma and Louise bandits", the crew is suspected of committing four armed robberies of banks within the City of Los Angeles and a fifth in the city of Manhattan Beach. The FBI is the lead investigative agency working with the support of LAPD. Detectives believe that a reward may compel members of the public to provide information on the identity of the persons responsible for these crimes.

Anyone with information that may be helpful to this investigation should contact the LA Crime Stoppers hotline at (800) 222-8477.

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# MOTION

Beginning June 15, a bank robbery crew has robbed a number of banks in the San Fernando Valley and one in a nearby city. The crew is comprised of one black male and two black females, and has robbed each bank at gunpoint. To date, this crew has robbed four banks in Los Angeles, with robberies occurring on June 15, June 22, June 27 and July 18 in Los Angeles, and July 7 in Manhattan Beach. Detectives are continuing to investigate these crimes, and believe that a reward may compel members of the public to provide information on the identity of the persons responsible for these crimes.

The persons responsible for these crimes 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 persons responsible for a series of bank robberies across the City of Los Angeles beginning on June 15, 2017.

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 persons responsible for a series of bank robberies across the City of Los Angeles beginning on June 15, 2017, and in support thereof, make the following findings pursuant to Division 19, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code:

1. That this series of bank robberies 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 the victims 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 persons responsible this series of bank robberies.
4. That the sum of \$15,000 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
MITCHELL ENGLANDER  
Councilmember, 12<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_