

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

November 16, 2021

**Reestablish the Reward Offer in the Investigation of Murder Victims Cesar Rodriguez and Larry Villegas**

On Sunday, August 28, 2011, 19-year-old Cesar Rodriguez and 24-year-old Larry Villegas were standing in the driveway at the residence located at 11819 Painter Avenue in unincorporated Whittier when they were fatally shot. Both victims were lifelong residents of the area and victim Rodriguez was a Sheriff's Youth Explorer at the Norwalk Sheriff's Station at the time of his death. Investigators believe the victims may have been mistaken for local gang members who had been at the location earlier in the night. Neither victim had any gang affiliation and were merely visiting friends at the time of the incident.

Investigators believe it would be beneficial to offer a reward, which may prompt reluctant witnesses to come forward and provide information to identify the individual(s) responsible for this crime. The Board of Supervisors established the reward on August 14, 2018, extended the reward on November 7, 2018, April 30, 2019, November 5, 2019, August 4, 2020, and October 27, 2020. The reward expired on April 30, 2021, but investigators recommend that the reward be reestablished.

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**I, THEREFORE MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors reestablish the offer of a reward in the amount of \$25,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and/or conviction of the person(s) responsible for the heinous deaths of Cesar Rodriguez and Larry Villegas, on Sunday, August 28, 2011 at 11819 Painter Avenue in unincorporated Whittier.

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