

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL

February 27, 2024

Establish the Reward Offer in the Vandalism and Theft of Metal at "Lincoln Cemetery"

On January 12, 2024, a volunteer from "Lincoln Cemetery", located on the 16700 block of South Central Avenue in the city of Carson, discovered that numerous bronze memorial markers and plaques had been stolen from the headstones and from the walls of the mausoleum in the cemetery. A prominent bronze statue of President Abraham Lincoln that was dedicated in 1934 was damaged in an attempt to remove a plaque from the façade of the statue. Additionally, a large bronze plaque that was gifted and dedicated to the cemetery in 1949 by former World Heavyweight Boxing Champion, Joe Louis, to commemorate and honor local veterans who died in combat had also been removed and stolen. The financial cost of the loss and damage is estimated to be over \$2,000,000. To date, no witnesses or suspect(s) have been identified to further this investigation.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Major Crimes investigators believe a reward would stimulate communication within the area and cause the community to come forward with information to assist investigators with identifying the suspect(s). Any individuals with information about this crime are urged to contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department or Crime Stoppers.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Establish the offer of a reward in the amount of \$20,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the heinous

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theft of metal and destruction of property at the Lincoln Cemetery, located on the 16700 block of South Central Avenue in the city of Carson, which occurred on or before January 12, 2024.

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Contact:

Lieutenant Vincent Ursini
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Major Crimes Bureau
562-946-7008

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Crime Stoppers
(800) 222-8477