AGN. NO.

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL September 15, 2026

Re-establish and Increase the Reward Offer in the Vandalism and Theft of Metal at Woodlawn Celestial Gardens Cemetery

On January 6, 2024, the owner of the Woodlawn Celestial Gardens Cemetery, located near the 1700 block of West Greenleaf Boulevard in the city of Compton, discovered that numerous headstones and headstone markers had been broken and vandalized, and the attached bronze memorial plaques had been removed and stolen. According to the property owner, Woodlawn Celestial Gardens is one of the oldest operating cemeteries in Los Angeles County, with internments dating back to the 1880s. The cemetery contains the gravesites of numerous prominent figures and many local military veterans dating back to the Civil War and the Spanish-American War. The property owner estimates the financial loss to be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. To date, no witnesses or suspect(s) have been identified to further this investigation.

Investigators with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Major Crimes Bureau believe that offering a reward would encourage community members to come forward with information that could assist investigators in identifying the suspect(s). This reward was originally established on February 27, 2024, and subsequently re-established on August 6, 2024, November 6, 2024, and March 17, 2026. This reward has since expired and needs to be re-established. Any individuals with information about this crime are urged to contact LASD or Crime Stoppers.

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I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Re-establish and increase the reward offer from $25,000 to $30,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the heinous theft of metal and desecration of Woodlawn Celestial Gardens Cemetery, located near the 1700 block of West Greenleaf Boulevard in the city of Compton, which occurred on or before January 6, 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