AGN. NO.

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL September 15, 2026

Re-establish the Reward Offer in the Vandalism and Theft of Metal at Lincoln Cemetery

On January 12, 2024, a volunteer at 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 headstones and mausoleum walls. A prominent bronze statue of President Abraham Lincoln, dedicated in 1934, was also damaged in an attempt to remove a plaque affixed to its façade. In addition, a large bronze plaque gifted to the cemetery in 1949 by former World Heavyweight Boxing Champion Joe Louis, dedicated to honoring local veterans who died in combat, had also been removed and stolen. The financial cost of the loss and damage is estimated at more than $2,000,000. 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 a reward would stimulate communication within the area and cause the community to come forward with information to assist 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 the reward offer in the amount of $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 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