AGN. NO.

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN September 15, 2026

Reestablish the Reward Offer for the Murder of Victim Peter Chounthala

On Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at approximately 2:02 a.m., 42-year-old Peter Chounthala was assaulted by multiple males near Virginia Avenue and Artesia Boulevard, in the city of Bellflower. Mr. Chounthala collapsed in the middle of the street and was subsequently struck by a passing vehicle. The males involved in the assault and the involved motorist fled the scene. Mr. Chounthala sustained trauma to his upper torso and subsequently died from his injuries.

Mr. Chounthala was a dedicated husband and father of a three-year-old boy. He also leaves behind two younger sisters that he cared for after both their parents passed away. Mr. Chounthala was an active United States Marine, serving tours in Afghanistan with multiple Marine Expeditionary Units, and was a Wounded Warrior and Recovering Service Marine. Family described him as loved by all, generous and caring, and always willing to help anyone in need.

This reward was established on July 9, 2024, extended on September 24, 2024, reestablished on May 6, 2025, and expired on August 3, 2025. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department investigators believe reestablishing the reward would bring attention to the case, encourage witnesses that might have seen and/or know the identity of the suspect(s) to come forward, and would show urgency in identifying the suspect(s) and

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bring justice to the victim and his family.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors reestablish the reward offer in the amount of $20,000 in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the heinous murder of Peter Chounthala, who was fatally assaulted and subsequently struck by a passing vehicle on May 28, 2024, at approximately 2:02 a.m., near Virginia Avenue and Artesia Boulevard, in the city of Bellflower.

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