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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

Establish a 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 died from his injuries.

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

Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department investigators believe a reward would bring attention to the case and encourage witnesses that might have seen and/or know the identity of the suspect(s) to come forward. A reward would show urgency in identifying the suspect(s) and bring justice to the victim and his family.

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

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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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Contact:

Lieutenant Patricia Thomas
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Homicide Bureau
(323) 890-5564

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Los Angeles Regional Crimestoppers Hotline
(800) 222-TIPS (8477)

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