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REYES ANNOUNCES FUND FOR FAMILY OF SLAIN BABY

Baby Luis Angel Garcia Memorial Fund set by community church

Councilmember Ed P. Reyes today announced a fund to help the help the family of Luis Angel Garcia, the 23-day-old fatally shot Saturday night in the Westlake district.

“This horrific crime that claimed the life of a defenseless newborn has moved so many-- throughout L.A. and beyond-- to anger and tears,” said Reyes, who represents the Westlake community. “It has also moved our community and its leaders, especially the Rev. Howard Dotson at First Congregational Church of Los Angeles who set up the Baby Luis Angel Garcia Memorial Fund. I commend First Congregational, and all groups and individuals, who have responded with such deep compassion for the family, for the community.”

Reyes said those wishing to help the family can send a contribution to:

Baby Luis Angel Garcia Memorial Fund
c/o First Congregational Church of Los Angeles
540 South Commonwealth Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90020
Information: (213) 385-1341 Ext. 362

Reyes announcement follows a \$75,000 reward introduced Tuesday for information leading to the arrests of those involved in shooting that killed Luis Angel Garcia and left a 37-year-old critically wounded in the Westlake community.

A 19-year-old has been charged with murder and other crimes in connection with the shooting death of the baby. The teen, Luis Silva, has been ordered to remain jailed without bail pending arraignment on October 2.

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