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\$50,000 REWARD APPROVED IN TARZANA HATE CRIME

(Los Angeles) – Invoking Emergency Rule 23, the City Council immediately adopted a \$50,000 reward motion presented by Councilman Dennis P. Zine for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the vandalism hate crimes committed in the Tarzana area on January 17, 2008.

On Thursday, January 17, 2008, a serious hate crime was committed in the Tarzana area. Graffiti vandals defaced property across a two-mile area south of Ventura Boulevard, leaving behind hateful anti-Semitic messages and symbols. The graffiti included red spray-painted swastikas and other words intended to provoke fear and anxiety among all area residents.

Councilman Zine recognizes that hate crimes are not isolated incidents, but represent much more than specific attacks on these property owners; thus he took immediate action calling for the Council to approve a \$50,000 reward motion for the apprehension of the vandals.

“On the eve of Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend when we should be celebrating tolerance and acceptance, instead we are confronted with ignorant speech and hateful acts,” said Councilman Dennis P. Zine, member of the Public Safety Committee. “By adopting this reward motion, we are sending a clear message that hate crimes and vandalism will not be accepted in the Third Council District or anywhere else in the City of Los Angeles. In the spirit of Dr. King, and in conjunction with law enforcement agencies, we will vigilantly work towards the apprehension of the individuals responsible for these heinous acts.”

The reward motion was seconded by Council President Eric Garcetti and will be effective for six months from the date of the advertisement of the reward by the City Clerk.

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