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ZINE REQUESTS \$50,000 REWARD MOTION FOR INFORMATION ON TARZANA TEMPLE HATE CRIME

(Los Angeles) - Responding to the desecration of Beith David Educational Center Temple in Tarzana on July 7th, Councilman Dennis P. Zine today introduced a reward motion allocating \$50,000 for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the persons responsible for both the fire and the written anti-Semitic graffiti.

The \$50,000 reward, which is the maximum amount allowed under the Charter, is consistent with the need to arrest and convict those individuals who criminally defaced and damaged the Temple, located at 18648 Clark Street due to concerns for public safety. Hopefully, the offer of such a reward will bring forth witnesses who can identify those individuals responsible for setting the blaze which burned the doors of the Temple, and also writing various religious epithets. This crime is being investigated by the Los Angeles House of Worship Arson Task Force as a hate crime due to the nature of the criminal incidents.

“This type of hatred will not be tolerated and must be punished to the full extent of the law,” said Zine, member of the Public Safety Committee of the City Council. “Finding those individuals who are responsible for this crime is the first step in stopping unacceptable expression of hatred.”

The reward motion was seconded by Council President Eric Garcetti and will be in effect for sixty days from the date of the advertisement of the reward.

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