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Council Passes Reward Motion **for City's "Most Wanted Gang Members"**

Los Angeles- Today, Councilman Tony Cardenas, Chairman of the Ad-hoc Committee on Gang Violence and Youth Development, announced the city's passage of a reward motion identifying the top ten most wanted gang members. The motion sets aside a \$50,000 reward for each of the ten suspects identified by the police department as ongoing threats to the people of Los Angeles. Cardenas authored the legislation last week after coordinating with Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Chief William Bratton on strengthening suppression efforts in the war on gang violence.

"The public can play a key role now in apprehending these criminals who are at large today," said Cardenas. "The cauldron of gang violence has reached a boiling point and we as policymakers are utilizing our suppression resources while getting our house in order on prevention and intervention gang programs. If we are not methodical about our approach, we will fall into the habit of past bureaucracy of fighting fire with fire and caving to political agendas."

Councilmember Ed Reyes, also a member of the city's committee on gang violence, expressed his support and urged the public to get involved.

"It takes a tremendous amount of courage to step forward and work with the police especially when identifying gang members," said Reyes. "I am hopeful that these rewards can serve as an additional incentive for community leaders to step forward and help protect their own neighborhoods."

LAPD has been instructed to post notices and advertise the reward. Names of the suspects are listed on the attached document.

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