



Legislation Text

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Staff Report to Assist the City Council in the Consideration of an Increase in the Reward Amount and a Draft Resolution Memorializing a Possible Action to Establish the Increased Reward Amount for the Identification Leading to the Criminal Charging of the Individual(s) Involved in the Homicide of Joel Ramirez, a San Leandro Resident, on December 14, 2014 at 444 Kenilworth Avenue and Approve an Appropriation of General Fund Economic Uncertainty Reserves to Fund the Reward

ACTION

Staff presents a report to the City Council to assist in its consideration of and a Draft resolution for a possible action to increase the current reward amount (which is \$25,000) for information leading to the identification and criminal charging of individual(s) involved in the homicide of Joel Ramirez, a San Leandro resident, on December 14, 2014 at 444 Kenilworth Ave. If the City Council approves an increased reward amount, then staff requests that the City Council also approve the appropriation of General Fund economic uncertainty reserves to fund the additional reward.

BACKGROUND

Analysis

On December 14, 2014, 21 year-old Joel Ramirez of San Leandro returned to his residence at 444 Kenilworth Ave. He was shot and killed while seated in his vehicle, which was parked in the driveway of the residence. Rewards for information that lead to the identification and arrest of persons responsible for violent crimes occurring in San Leandro have been offered in the past and some were helpful in the successful resolution of cases.

Since the February 17, 2015 meeting where the original reward was approved by Council, no person (s) has met the requirements to receive the \$25,000 reward. An increase in the reward could motivate someone to come forward with additional information material to the case.

On January 13, 2016, the City Council Rules Committee discussed and reviewed a draft policy for Police Rewards. The policy is not finalized; therefore, the additional request for reward funds for this case is presented to the City Council for further consideration and action.

Fiscal Impacts

A City Council approved increase to the current reward amount would be funded through the current Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget appropriation approval from City Council in account 010-14-015-5890.

Budget Authority

If an increased reward is approved by the City Council, staff requests the City Council also approve

an appropriation of General Fund economic uncertainty reserves to fund the additional reward.

ATTACHMENT

None.

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