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On August 1, 2016, at approximately 12:20 p.m., an individual entered into an apartment in East Hollywood and hid behind the front door, waiting for the woman who lived in the unit to return from the apartment building's laundry room. When she entered the unit about five minutes later, the suspect attacked her, placing a hand over her mouth and pushing her into a wall, causing her to fall to the ground and scream. After she screamed, the suspect fled the scene. Approximately 90 minutes later, the same suspect entered into an unlocked apartment in Echo Park. The woman who lived in the unit heard her dogs barking aggressively, went to investigate and found the suspect in her living room. The suspect then put his hand inside the woman's blouse and began to fondle her. When she tried to pull away, the suspect pinned her against a couch. The woman's dogs began to attempt to bite the suspect, giving her the chance to push him out of her apartment. Detectives are continuing to investigate this crime, but the suspect has not been identified.

The person responsible for these crimes represents an ongoing threat to the safety of the people of Los Angeles; therefore, it is appropriate for the City of Los Angeles to offer a reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the persons responsible for these crimes.

I THEREFORE MOVE that by adoption of this Motion, the City Council provide an offer of reward for information leading to the identification, apprehension, and conviction of the person responsible for breaking into two apartments and assaulting two women on August 1, 2016, and in support thereof, make the following findings pursuant to Division 19, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code:

1. That these break-ins and assaults were caused by the willful misconduct of one or more persons.
2. That this offer of reward is consistent with and taken for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety of local residents, as well as visitors to the City, and is consistent with the need to arrest and convict the person or persons who, because of not being apprehended, could by their actions further terrorize and present a continuing and immediate menace to the rights of persons in the City.
3. That what happened to the victims is an especially disturbing crime and therefore, as a matter of public policy, the City hereby offers a reward as an added inducement for persons to come forward with information leading to the identification, apprehension and conviction of the person responsible for breaking into two apartments and assaulting the women who lived there.
4. That the sum of \$25,000 shall be the aggregate maximum sum of any payment or payments of a City reward in this instance.
5. That the offer of reward shall be in effect for six months from the date of the advertisement of the reward by the City Clerk.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Clerk be directed to cause notices and/or advertisements to be duly published according to the requirements of Division 19, Chapter 12, Article 1 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, and to thereby cause the offer of reward to become effective.

PRESENTED BY: 
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SECONDED BY: 

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