

**NEWS FROM Councilman Dennis P. Zine**

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***ZINE REQUESTS CLARIFICATION FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING RULING IN NOTORIOUS B.I.G. CASE***

(Los Angeles) - Seeking to gain further information from the City Attorney regarding the recent ruling by a federal judge which charged the City of Los Angeles \$1 million in the Notorious B.I.G. case, Councilman Dennis P. Zine introduced a motion today requesting clarification on the circumstances involved in this ruling.

The ruling by U.S. District Judge Florence-Marie Cooper, which was made public on Friday, stated that the City's "actions in concealing evidence were intentional rather than inadvertent." As a result, attorneys fees and sanctions were levied against the City in the amount of \$1 million.

Councilman Zine's motion, which requests that the City Attorney thoroughly explain and review the circumstances leading to this ruling, also requests an account of what materials or evidence were requested by the court and what the next steps may be in the appeal process.

"I am concerned, not only as a Councilman, but as a citizen of the City of Los Angeles, that a ruling costing the City such a substantial amount of money must be accounted for," said Zine, a member of the City's Audits and Governmental Efficiency committee. "There must be some accountability for the actions which caused this type of decision."

This motion has been referred to the Public Safety Committee of the City Council for review and discussion.

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