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COUNCIL APPROVES COUNCILMAN ZINE'S REWARD REQUEST FOR LEADS ON VANOWEN TRAGEDY

(Los Angeles) - Seeking to bring safety to the streets and discourage deadly street racing, the Los Angeles City Council today adopted Councilman Dennis P. Zine's reward request for \$25,000 for leads regarding the deadly street race on Vanowen Street in the San Fernando Valley.

On May 15th at approximately 8:45pm, 19 year old Jonathan McGinnes was tragically killed in an apparently street racing collision in 24000 block of Vanowen Street in West Hills. The alleged street racer and accomplice involved in the street race with the victim fled without rendering assistance to any of the victims involved in the collision. The person or persons responsible for the crime represent an ongoing threat to the safety of the residents of the San Fernando Valley.

"This reward will hopefully encourage witnesses to come forward with any information they may have regarding this terrible tragedy in our community," said Councilman Zine, a retired LAPD motor sergeant and current reserve officer. "Street racing is illegal, and we cannot tolerate this danger. Aggressive enforcement, along with education and proper punishment for those who engage in this behavior, is vital."

Information pertaining to this crime and those persons responsible can be provided anonymously by contacting Valley Traffic Division Detective Schiltz at (818) 374-1932. After hour calls should be made to Valley Traffic Division Watch Commander at (818) 756-8381.

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