

1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE,
3 CALIFORNIA, OFFERING A REWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000
4 FOR INFORMATION THAT LEADS TO THE IDENTIFICATION AND
APPREHENSION OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR
THE DEATH OF LINDA FERGUSON.

5 WHEREAS, the City of Riverside may offer and pay rewards as authorized by Section 53069.5
6 of the Government Code of the State of California; and

7 WHEREAS, Section 53069.5 specifically authorizes the City to offer and pay a reward, the
8 amount thereof to be determined by the City for information leading to the determination of the identity
9 of, and the apprehension of, any person whose willful misconduct results in injury or death to any
10 person; and

11 WHEREAS, on March 20, 2001, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 19873 approving
12 the Riverside Police Department's Reward Program and authorizing its implementation; and

13 WHEREAS, on June 6, 2019, at approximately 3:45 a.m., a shooting took place at the
14 residence located in the 3800 block of Cedar Avenue. An investigation revealed that one of the
15 occupants of the residence witnessed and interrupted a vehicle burglary on the street outside of his
16 home. Just prior to the suspects fleeing the area in a vehicle, one of the subjects fired a single gunshot
17 at the residence; and

18 WHEREAS, the bullet entered the residence and struck Ms. Ferguson, who was critically
19 injured and died moments later; and

20 WHEREAS, investigators with the Riverside Police Department have worked tirelessly to
21 solve this unsolved crime; and

22 WHEREAS, investigators believe that there may be witnesses with information to this crime
23 who have not yet come forward; and

24 WHEREAS, the offer would be consistent with and is taken for the immediate protection of
25 public peace, health, and safety; and

26 WHEREAS, the offense was of such a nature or committed under special circumstances that
27 as a matter of public policy, the City of Riverside should provide a reward as an added inducement or
28 incentive for persons to come forth with information leading to the arrest of the perpetrator(s); and

1 WHEREAS, the offense was especially heinous, atrocious, or cruel and manifested exceptional
2 depravity; and

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside,
4 California, that a reward in the amount of \$10,000 is hereby approved and authorized for information
5 leading to the determination of the identity of, and the apprehension of, any person responsible for the
6 acts stated above.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the offer of reward by the City shall be effective for a
8 period of sixty (60) days or for the term of any extension thereof which may be approved by the City
9 Council prior to the termination of the offer of reward. An offer of reward by the City shall terminate
10 by payment, by revocation, or by withdrawal thereof by the City Council by resolution, motion, or
11 council report adopted by a majority vote of the City Council or by expiration of the time period set
12 forth in the resolution offering the reward or any extension thereof which was approved by the City
13 Council while the offer was otherwise effective.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all decisions with respect to the relevance or materiality
15 of information received, whether or not utilized in establishing the determination of the identity of,
16 and the apprehension of, any one or more persons provides a basis for the payment of a reward, are
17 within the sole discretion of the City Council.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all determinations effective, or dispositive of the offer of
19 reward, shall be within the sole discretion of the City Council and shall be final.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 53069.5, the person or persons
21 responsible for the death of Linda Ferguson shall be liable for the amount of any reward paid pursuant
22 to this Section and if the person is an unemancipated minor, his or her parent or guardian shall also be
23 liable for the amount.

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1 ADOPTED by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2019.

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William R. Bailey, III
Mayor of the City of Riverside

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Attest:

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City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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I, Colleen J. Nicol, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced and adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said City at its meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2019, by the following vote, to wit:

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Ayes:

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Noes:

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Absent:

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Abstain:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Riverside, California, this ____ day of _____, 2019.

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City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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