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### CONSENT CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
 From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington  
 Subject: City Manager Referral: Using StarChase to Address Public Safety

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to the City Manager to consider the use of technological devices, such as StarChase Technology, to improve public safety.

#### BACKGROUND:

The UC Berkeley campus community has seen a spike in crime activity in recent months. Therefore, it is the prerogative of the University and City to respond in a timely and effective manner. One such way of doing so is to explore potential technological solutions and reach out to technology companies. The tech company StarChase offers a service where a GPS tag can be launched from a police car and adhered to a suspect vehicle in order to more effectively track suspects and limit accidents/fatalities associated with car chases. This service would improve safety in the City of Berkeley and increase efficiency in bringing offenders to justice, which is especially important in light of the many crimes which have been occurring in the campus area in recent months.

Therefore, we implore the City and University to research the feasibility of working with companies such as StarChase and to explore the possibility of making these services available to UCPD and BPD.

The technology and services provided by StarChase could strengthen UCPD and BPD's efficiency in tracking suspects and could help police apprehend more offenders, which would in turn increase public safety.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Minimal.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

Consistent with Berkeley's Environmental Sustainability Goals and no negative impact.

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Related link:

1. ACLU's Statement Approving the Use of StarChase Technology  
<http://news.starchase.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/ACLU-Statement-on-StarChase.pdf>

