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SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA MATERIAL for Supplemental Packet 2

Meeting Date: July 10, 2018

Item Number: 25

Item Description: Establishing a Voluntary Security Camera Registration Program

Submitted by: Councilmember Sophie Hahn

This amendment is submitted to ensure that the City of Berkeley will only review camera footage if there is Probable Cause to believe a crime has been committed and the video footage would provide evidence of such crime. This outcome is alluded to in the “WHEREAS” portion of the resolution but is not reflected in the resolution itself. The proposed amendment would ensure that the limitation in the WHEREAS portion of the resolution, stating that camera video will only be reviewed “if a criminal investigation is taking place” is clearly enshrined in the resolution.



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CONSENT CALENDAR

July 10, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington, Susan Wengraf, and Lori Droste
Subject: Establishing a Voluntary Security Camera Registration Program.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution establishing a Voluntary Security Camera Registration program whereby residents and business owners can voluntarily register their security camera systems with the Berkeley Police Department.

BACKGROUND

Many cities within the United States have implemented a Voluntary Security Camera Registration program, where residents and business owners can sign up with the Police Department website. Residents and business owners can go to the Police Department website to sign up the address and contact information where the security camera system is located. When a crime occurs, City of Berkeley officers/detective will be able to locate the camera which could lead to suspect identification. However, the video camera will only be accessed with the consent of the camera owner.

The type of program exists in the cities of El Cerrito, Martinez, Tracy, Oakland and San Jose.

<https://www.el-cerrito.org/DocumentCenter/View/4309/cc150120-7b>

<http://www.cityofmartinez.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=16943>

<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/government/o/OPD/s/cameraregistry/index.htm>

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION: Minimal

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: Consistent with Climate Action Plan

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Attachment: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTARY SECURITY CAMERA REGISTRATION PROGRAM.

Attachment 1

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTARY SECURITY CAMERA
REGISTRATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, security cameras are in use by the City of Berkeley residents and business owners. Existing cameras have been used to help solve crimes, provide investigate leads, and help identify suspects; and

WHEREAS, registration is purely voluntary and will enable the Police Department to create and maintain a database of addresses for security cameras throughout city, and not live feeds for the camera locations; and

WHEREAS, the security camera video will be reviewed only with the permission of, and in the presence of the resident/owner and only if a criminal investigation is taking place; and

WHEREAS, the voluntary security registration will assist investigation and multiply the investigative abilities of the Police Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Berkeley that it hereby establishes a voluntary security camera registration program for residents and business owners.

[BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Berkeley will only review security camera video from residents and business owners if the City has probable cause to believe such video may contain evidence of a crime;](#)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and adoption.