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Since the opening of the Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center (Van Nuys Civic Center), pedestrian traffic has significantly increased in the area. Also on the rise is a menacing problem with regard to unattended property, which triggers security issues. The bomb squad has been summoned on numerous occasions to investigate suspicious items, including unattended property.

Homeland security is a growing concern for municipalities, particularly government centers such as the Van Nuys Civic Center. Any unattended property could be a potential threat or hazard. The safety of constituents, visitors and employees is a vital matter for the City.

The advent of wireless technology in recent years allows a proactive approach in addressing security and safety problems, and may reduce vulnerabilities of places like the Van Nuys Civic Center. The installation of wireless broadband security cameras could actually improve the safety of area residents by tackling issues such as unattended property in addition to illegal dumping and graffiti removal.

In an effort to improve public safety at the Van Nuys Civic Center, the City should explore all feasible options with respect to using wireless technology.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of General Services (GSD), Office of Public Safety (OPS) and the Information Technology Agency (ITA) to provide recommendations for the installation of wireless broadband security cameras at the Van Nuys Civic Center.


I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the ITA identify funding for the installation of wireless cameras at the Van Nuys Civic Center.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of General Services (GSD), Office of Public Safety (OPS) and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) identify public safety priorities within the Van Nuys Civic Center.


I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Public Works (DPW) report on the number of requests for graffiti removal and bulky item pick-up within a one mile radius of the Van Nuys Civic Center.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council request the City Attorney to draft an ordinance or amendment to the Los Angeles Municipal Code that would prohibit leaving unattended property in or around the Van Nuys Civic Center.

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