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Brief Summary: Be it resolved that the Police Department (LAPD) report on the status of its plan to issue body-worn cameras to LAPD Officers. The report should include the results of the pilot program in Central Division, information on what vendor will be selected to provide the cameras, the purchase and implementation timeline, and information on how the Department will deploy the cameras across the City.

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COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

COUNCIL FILE 14-1738

TO: The Honorable City Council of Los Angeles and Committees in c/o the Office of the City Clerk at the Los Angeles City Hall 200 North Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the following Community Impact Statement be attached to Council File 14-1738.

On February 17, 2015, the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) Board of Governors held a Brown Act noticed, regular meeting with a quorum of 17; and, with a vote of 16 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention, the VNC adopted the motion in support of Council File Motion 14-1738 which asks that the Police Department (LAPD) report on the status of its plan to issue body-worn cameras to LAPD Officers.

The report should include the results of the pilot program in Central Division, information on what vendor will be selected to provide the cameras, the purchase and implementation timeline, and information on how the Department will deploy the cameras across the City.

Whereas recent events have increased calls across the United States for the deployment of body-worn cameras by police departments, as a way to increase accountability and transparency. These cameras, which are small enough to be worn as part of an officer's uniform, are used to record an officer's interactions with the public. A study on the use of body-worn cameras in Rialto, California, showed reductions in forceful interactions between police officers and citizens, and in less complaints filed against police officers by citizens.

Whereas body-worn cameras will become more prevalent throughout the country in the next few years. President Obama recently requested congress to allocate \$75 million in federal funding for training and deployment of body-worn cameras. In Los Angeles, Police Commissioner Steve Soboroff has been at the forefront of efforts to deploy body-worn cameras, helping the Police Department (LAPD) raise money to purchase cameras for LAPD Officers.

Whereas earlier this year, LAPD undertook a pilot program on the use and deployment of body-worn cameras in the City. LAPD should report to the Council on the results of this pilot program, and on how the Department plans to deploy



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body-worn cameras throughout the City of Los Angeles.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Police Department (LAPD) report on the status of its plan to issue body-worn cameras to LAPD Officers. The report should include the results of the pilot program in Central Division, information on what vendor will be selected to provide the cameras, the purchase and implementation timeline, and information on how the Department will deploy the cameras across the City and what policies the Department will put in place on the use of body-worn cameras.

Be It Resolved, that the VNC supports Councilmember Curren Price's motion 14-1738 of December 16, 2014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike R. Newhouse".

Mike Newhouse
President,
Venice Neighborhood Council