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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.

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. 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 body-worn cameras throughout the City of Los Angeles.

I THEREFORE MOVE 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.

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