MOTION

The Police Department (LAPD) has been at the forefront of adopting measures to be transparent, such as Body Worn Video Cameras (BWVCs), and using footage captured by these devices to investigate complaints. Since 2016, the Department has deployed approximately 7,000 cameras, enough to equip almost all officers with field responsibilities.

During the recent protests in response to the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police officers, the LAPD activated all of its personnel and deployed the vast majority of its officers into the streets of the City. This Department Mobilization included a number of officers who do not normally work in the field and do not have BWVCs assigned to them. Due to not all officers deployed being equipped with BWVCs, it may be difficult to review some of the complaints that may be filed. All officers should have a BWVC assigned to them, even if they do not generally require one, so that in cases like the recent protests, we can assure transparency in the City.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, report on the costs associated with equipping all police officers with Body Worn Video Cameras (BWVC), not just those assigned to field duties. This report should include an analysis of any federal grant funds available for BWVC expansion, including any federal grants being contemplated in the recently introduced Justice in Policing Act of 2020.

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