



**CITY OF PACIFICA  
COUNCIL AGENDA SUMMARY REPORT**

**3/27/2017**

**SUBJECT:**

Letter of Update to the San Mateo County Grand Jury Regarding the City of Pacifica Body Worn Camera Implementation Plan

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Authorize the City Manager to send the letter of update to the San Mateo County Grand Jury regarding the City of Pacifica Body Worn Camera Implementation Plan.

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**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

On May 24, 2016, the San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury issued a report titled, "Body Cameras - The Reel Truth" (Attachment 1). The report details findings stemming from an investigation into the use of body worn cameras by local law enforcement agencies. The report details the number of law enforcement agencies in San Mateo County that are utilizing body worn cameras, and those who do not. Interviews conducted with local law enforcement agency representatives identified common concerns about deploying body worn cameras, specifically, cost, policy development, impact of future camera technology, and unknown future legal mandates.

Each city was required to respond to the findings and recommendations by August 22, 2016, and the response was required to be approved by the governing body at a public meeting. On August 8, 2016, staff presented the proposed response to the Grand Jury, which was approved by City Council (Attachment 2).

Additionally, the Grand Jury recommended that the Councils of those cities that have not adopted body worn cameras direct their respective Chiefs of Police to develop an appropriate body worn camera implementation plan and advise the public of their plan by November 30, 2016. Further, the Grand Jury recommended that police departments implement body worn camera systems as soon as practicable, but no later than October 31, 2017.

At a regular City Council meeting on November 28, 2016, the City Council adopted the City of Pacifica Body Worn Camera Implementation Plan as presented by Chief Steidle.

On May 10, 2017, the City received a letter from Charlene Kresevich, a San Mateo County Grand Jury Assistant, inquiring as to whether a body worn camera implementation plan had been presented to the city yet, and the content of the plan.

In response to the letter received from Ms. Kresevich, a letter has been authored to the San Mateo County Grand Jury detailing the City of Pacifica Body Worn Camera Implementation Plan. This letter is included as (Attachment 3) of this staff report. Staff is seeking Council

authorization for the City Manager to sign the attached letter on behalf of the City Council.

**ALTERNATIVE ACTION:**

N/A

**RELATION TO CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND WORK PLAN:**

**Maintaining a Safe Community:** The implementation of body worn cameras via the proposed plan will provide officers with a tool to better prosecute criminal cases, as well as increase public trust via transparency.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

**ORIGINATED BY:**

Police

**ATTACHMENT LIST:**

Attachement 1 - Grand Jury Report (PDF)

Attachement 2 - Grand Jury Report Response Body Cameras (PDF)

Attachment 3-BodyWornCameraImplementationPlan\_LtrToGrandJury (PDF)